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SWEDISH DOCTOR ASSERTS THAT ITALIANS USED MUSTARD GAS

AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL



General Hugh Johnson, above, the originator of the New Deal, commenting on the outlawing by the Supreme Court of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, said that it left the Government with no alternative but to campaign on the issue of the constitution.

SUPREME COURT BLOW TO ROOSEVELT LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT MUST BE UPHELD AT ALL COSTS PRESIDENT RETICENT

Washington, To-day.
One of the heaviest blows yet dealt to the present administration was delivered yesterday, when the Supreme Court pronounced the Agricultural Adjustment Administration unconstitutional.

The ruling will destroy both the original Agricultural Adjustment Act and the amended Act. Congress amended the original Act last session. The measure brought into being raised prices for farm products by subsidising the farmers and encouraging them to restrict their output crops. The administration claimed to have raised the farmers' income by \$220,000,000 in a year.

The Supreme Court's decision was declared by 6-votes to 3. Referring to the amendment of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, Mr. Justice Roberts, giving judgment, said that it made no difference, as Congress could not rectify something which it had no power to originate. "Congress might redistribute the entire industrial population if this Act were upheld, and the United States could destroy local self-government."

Later, President Roosevelt declines to comment on the Supreme Court decision. He is now conferring with Mr. Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, and Mr. Homer S. Cummings, Attorney-General, about the matter. It is expected that the President will try to reach his original objective of helping the farmers by inducing the States, by means of financial support, to adopt their own acts implementing the legislation now defunct.

U.S. PRESIDENT'S SPEECH CYNICAL COMMENT IN CANADA

AMERICAN LEAGUE OF NATIONS COMING?

Ottawa, To-day.
Speculation on President Roosevelt's speech to Congress envisaging a new American League of Nations which, with Canada as a go-between, might eventually include the whole British Empire, is offered by the Toronto-Globe while commenting on President Roosevelt's neutrality message. The Globe suggests that President Roosevelt is laying the international kite by extending invitations to South America, Mexico and Canada to form a League of American neutrality.

Most of the Canadian newspapers comment on President Roosevelt's message cynically. For example, the Ottawa Journal, declares that the words of American Presidents are not always translated into action by Congress. — Reuter.

HARRY BERGER ARRESTED

Alleged "Brains" Of Red Movement

Rio de Janeiro, To-day.
The police have arrested a man named Harry Berger who is alleged to be the head of the Communist movement in South America.

It is stated that he was formerly a propagandist in China and India. Many documents and letters which were found in his possession have been seized. — Reuter.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S NEW GOVERNOR

London, To-day. The Admiralty has appointed Sir Humphrey Walwyn, the new Governor of Newfoundland, will sail from London next Thursday for St. John's, Newfoundland, to take up his duties. — British Wireless Service.



A regiment of loyal troops charges through the street in the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro, the capital, dealing death to the Reds who stirred up a revolt which threatened to overthrow the Government in five provinces of Brazil last month. The loyalty of some regiments, while other troops were torn by dissension, made the Communist-inspired revolt a failure.

SEVEN BODIES RECOVERED "City Of Khartoum" Wreck To Remain At Sea Bottom

Cairo, To-day.
The City of Khartoum will remain at the bottom of the sea. Divers have recovered seven bodies of the passengers who perished in the disasterously wrecked steamer. The divers report that there are no further bodies inside the hull. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

CHINA'S SILVER POLICY British Banks Fall Into Line

Shanghai, To-day.
The British banks have accepted the Chinese Government's offer for the exchange of their silver holdings for notes at par, plus a premium of 5 per cent for two years on two-thirds of the amount of silver surrendered. — Reuter.

FLOODS IN IRELAND

Furniture Floats Down Dublin Streets

LORD MAYOR WADES KNEE DEEP TO INSPECT DAMAGE

Dublin, To-day.
Considerable damage was caused to housing in this vicinity on Sunday owing to the overflowing of the Grand Canal. The first hint was received when the flood waters suddenly swished into dwellings without warning, and furniture and personal effects were soon floating in the streets.

The local authorities had to find accommodation for some 50 families on Sunday night, while large numbers of others were looked after by relatives and friends in other sections of the city.

The Lord Mayor waded knee-deep through the floods to inspect the damage and make sure that the homeless had adequate accommodation provided. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. George Anthony Stewart of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Miss Ethel Joy General of Hong Kong. The wedding is to take place in the Hong Kong Colony on Thursday.

LONDON NAVAL PARLEY

MR. EDEN ELECTED PRESIDENT

BUSINESS RESUMED AFTER RECESS

London, To-day.
Mr. Anthony Eden was elected President of the Naval Conference in succession to Sir Samuel Hoare when business was resumed yesterday afternoon on the conclusion of the holiday recess. It is understood that the French delegation made a strong appeal for the exchange of information on building programmes every year. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

ENCOURAGING RESPONSE TO CANON SHEPPARD'S APPEAL

London, To-day. The appeal broadcast on Sunday night by Canon R.L.H. Sheppard for £5,000 to enable an additional British Red Cross unit to be sent to Abyssinia has met with quick and generous response, according to the British Red Cross Society. — British Wireless Service.

MAN KILLED IN "CAMERONIA"

Detectives Meet Ship From Singapore

London, To-day.
The s.s. Cameronia, which was due in London from Singapore yesterday, carrying troops, encountered some trouble aboard in the Mediterranean, as a result of which one member of the crew was killed and two injured. It is understood that the ship is making thorough investigations of the case. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

MR. EDEN APPOINTS HIS SECRETARIES

London, To-day. The Foreign Secretary Mr. Anthony Eden has appointed Mr. Oliver Charles Harvey to be his principal private secretary, and Mr. F. R. Boyer Miller and Mr. P. M. A. Hankey to be his assistant private secretaries. — British Wireless Service.

MEDICAL WORK HELD UP AT NUGELLI

SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS DESTROYED IN AIR RAID

ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CAMOUFLAGE RED CROSS SITES

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Addis Ababa, To-day.
An aeroplane piloted by Baron von Rosen arrived here yesterday afternoon with further survivors from the Italian bomb attack on the Swedish Red Cross. To evade the Italian airmen Baron von Rosen's machine started at dawn from Nugelli and landed towards midday at the aerodrome at Addis Ababa.

Among the passengers was a Swedish Pastor named Svenssen, who reported that others were wounded by the Italian bombs, so that the total number of victims is now more than 50. Dr. Svenssen further declared that the doctors still at Nugelli cannot possibly continue their work since all their instruments have been destroyed.

Dr. Svenssen also brought photographic negatives proving that appalling disaster was wrought by the Italian bombs. He asserts that the Italians used mustard gas. — Trans-Ocean Service.
Dessale. It is believed that the grudge to a new offensive in the north by the Italians is displayed by the renewed activity in the past week from the Italian airmen to Matulle. Aerial reconnaissance and bombing have been frequent, but the casualties, according to the Ethiopians, are proportionately very small. Gas was used in several places and resulted in more numerous casualties, mainly civilians, including women and children.

NEW GROUND FOR DIVORCE

Political Opinions As "Just Cause"

GERMAN COURT RULING

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Koenigsberg, To-day.
An interesting and important judgment in a divorce case, in which the court granted a petition for the dissolution of a marriage, has just been verified by the Koenigsberg regional court.

The husband, who was formerly a State Official, Marxist in political sympathy, petitioned on the grounds that since the advent of the Third Reich his wife, who was known to be a "salon Communist," refused to keep her political opinions to herself, the result being that the husband was discharged from the civil service.

The wife's defence was that her husband always knew the position and had not disapproved. The husband admitted this, but claimed that after the advent of the National-Socialist regime discretion and self-control were essential.

The court ruled that the political opinions were a private matter of personal conviction, not entailing the husband to a divorce, but in view of the present state of political opinion a man had the right to expect that his wife would curb her expression of opinions in public, failure to do so justifying a man obtaining his freedom. — Trans-Ocean Service.

MR. HU'S RECEPTION

Shanghai, To-day. Chinese reports state that Messrs. Chu Cheng and Hsu, Chinese club are leaving for Hong Kong tomorrow by the s.s. President Jackson. Receiving Mr. Hu Han-min, the former Premier of the National Government, and Mr. Sun Yat-sen's departure as a similar mission on Thursday, and they are unconfirmable.

GAS ATTACKS FROM AIR

Moscow Population Exercises

MOSTLY WOMEN PARTICIPATE

Moscow, To-day.
Some 25,000 Muscovites, mostly housewives and maids, yesterday marched 10 miles in military formation wearing gas-masks and gasproof costumes, accompanied by first aid units, while tanks sped by and huge bombers roared overhead.

The march was the largest of the series of civilian anti-air raid exercises organised by the volunteer society for defence against gas attacks from the air. The recent activities sponsored by the society have included marathon races, ski runs, lectures and surgical operations, all performed in gas-masks. — Reuter.

FAREWELL SALUTE

Japanese Gesture To Retiring C-in-C.

The Japanese River Gunboat Saga fired a farewell salute to Admiral Sir Frederick Charles Dreyer, K.C.B., C.B.E., the retiring Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, who will leave the Colony, with Lady Dreyer, on board the P. and O. liner Carthage next Saturday morning.

The new Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Charles I. C. Little, K.C.B., who formerly held the appointment of Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff of the Admiralty, will arrive in the Colony tomorrow morning by the P. and O. liner Cairn.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. John Griffiths Jones, who is residing at Windsor Lodge, 100, The Avenue, Kowloon, and Miss Margaret Susan Jones, of "Acacia," Nevill, North Wales, who is now in the Colony by the s.s. Antonio.

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(b) by messenger.
(c) by post.

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In the case of renewal the old licence should be returned with the application.

INWARD MAILS.

FROM EUROPE

Chitral (via Suez) Jan. 9

FROM SHANGHAI

Persens Jan. 7

Talhyblus Jan. 7

Taiyo Maru Jan. 7

Talhyblus Jan. 8

Carthage Jan. 10

Pres. Jefferson Jan. 10

Andre Leben Jan. 14

Sarpedon Jan. 14

Pres. Coolidge Jan. 15

Emp. of Canada Jan. 17

Pres. Monroe Jan. 17

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Sirdhana Jan. 7

Sirdhana Jan. 8

Philippines Jan. 12

Kumgang Jan. 14

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Jefferson Jan. 10

Pres. Coolidge Jan. 15

Emp. of Canada Jan. 17

Pres. Monroe Jan. 17

FROM JAPAN

Taiyo Maru Jan. 7

Pres. Jefferson Jan. 10

Carthage Jan. 10

Tango Maru Jan. 12

Niruta Maru Jan. 13

Bengal Maru Jan. 14

Pres. Coolidge Jan. 15

Emp. of Canada Jan. 17

Pres. Monroe Jan. 17

FROM MANILA

Emp. of Asia Jan. 11

Pershing Jan. 11

Glenn Jan. 13

Stuttgart Jan. 15

Kitano Maru Jan. 16

FROM AUSTRALIA

Kitano Maru Jan. 16

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

Asama Maru (via Siberia) Jan. 8

Chitral (via Suez) Jan. 10

Carthage (Imperial Service) Jan. 11

Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m. Ord. 10.20 a.m.

Marechal Joffre (via Siberia) Jan. 11

Emp. of Japan (via Vancouver) Jan. 14

Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Persens Jan. 8

Kumgang Jan. 9

Carthage Jan. 11

FOR MANILA

Tibadak Jan. 7

Pres. Cleveland Jan. 7

Taiying Jan. 10

Women's Page

For Modest Women

CARE OF HOT WATER BOTTLES

Hang Wrong Side Up!

The sides of a bottle can be prevented from sticking if it is hung bottom side up for a while and a little air is blown into it before inserting the stopper. If the sides are stuck do not force them apart. Add some ammonia to hot water and pour it into the bottle. Then separate the sides by inserting the knob-end of a long wooden knitting needle. When a rubber bottle leaks it can usually be repaired easily. If the weakness appears along the seam use a strip of unbleached linen. A waterproof lacquer, sold for coating brass work, can be used as the adhesive. A small hole can be repaired in the same manner as a bicycle tyre. Old rubber bottle can be filled with hot sand instead of water, the sand being placed in a baking tin and heated in the oven. Or they may be used as gardening mats.

What They Should Wear

A League of Modesty has been formed in Chicago to warn women against immodesty and "the philosophy of the New Paganism" to which the organisers say that the fashion for immodesty is due. Urging women "not to follow fashion slavishly" the League, at its first public meeting, issued four rules for modesty—

1. The dress, in the front and in the back, should not be cut lower than one or two inches below the little hollow of the throat.
 2. The sleeves should at least cover the elbows, and the skirt fall far below the knees.
 3. The stockings should be worn full-length and should not be flesh-coloured nor transparent.
 4. The clothing in general should be of such quality and quantity as to conceal rather than reveal the form of the wearer.
- "In all art there must be some restraint," one of the organisers, the Rev. Walter Croarkin, told reporters. "So too in the art of dressing women should remember that something should be left to the imagination."

Hair To Be Longer

Women Made To Look Taller

Women's hair is to be longer now.

The new fashions in hairdressing for 1936 make longer hair necessary.

A West End hairdresser, explaining the logic of the new styles said—
"The sudden craze for flat heels and flowing gowns make new hair fashions necessary."

FOR SHANGHAI

Asama Maru Jan. 8

Chitral Jan. 10

Marechal Joffre Jan. 12

Emp. of Japan Jan. 14

FOR JAPAN

Asama Maru Jan. 8

Chitral Jan. 10

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NEW MILITARY MODE

Finds Favour With Smart Women

BRAID AND TASSELS

The war in Abyssinia may have something to do with it, or perhaps the dressmakers of this world held their autumn convention in Geneva. Whatever the cause, feminine finery has dashed this season from the froth and lace of the Mae West revival to the trim smartness of a military tunic.

There is something uniform about the wholesale way women have adopted the new military mode, and almost every frock for every occasion sports some indication, however insignificant, of the braid and tassels fashion has decreed for winter of 1936.

Tailored and sports frocks, coats, and chapeaux in particular have all become symbolical of the various uniforms of all countries in all the stages of history. Suit coats, more than anything else, have affected the cut of the military tunic and are befrodded



This frock, effectively chic in wool crepe trimmed with a tiny neck, yoke and dropped scarf, is another member in the Winter Style parade. The blouse, with its slight fullness and flaring balloon sleeves with stiffened pancake cuffs, is surmounted by a coat-of-mail collar. Screenshot's Margaret Lindsay does the modelling.

HAIR "ATTACKED" BY EXPERTS

RETURN TO LONG TRESSES

"BUNS" ARE MORE "WOMANLY"

In Berlin, hair has been "attacked" by the fashion experts. Brightly dyed hair—and a return to long tresses—are the fashion "orders" issued to German Frauleins at a hairdressers' exhibition there.

The dyed hair takes the form of coloured plaits. Braids of human hair, specially coloured, are woven in and out of the hair of the wearer. The braids may be dyed to match the colour of dresses, or made to contrast with the colour of the girl's own hair.

Red And Platinum

One model at a hairdressing show was a platinum blonde, who had a braid of red hair entwined round her head, matching the colour of her dress. A darker blonde wore a golden braid.

These dyed plaits will be sold "ready-made" or "made to measure" from the customer's own hair.

German fashions for the coming winter, as seen at this exhibition, show that bobbed hair is finally disappearing ("buns" are considered more "womanly") and that ears are being shown again.

Peninsula Hotel Guests

The following guests are staying at the Peninsula Hotel: Dr. R. A. Appa, Major and Mrs. Alston, Miss M. Alton, Mrs. E. A. Anderson, Mr. A. S. Abbott, Mrs. Bode, Miss F. B. Bach, Lt. Comdr. Broome, Mr. W. N. Brown, Mrs. R. Brock, Mrs. G. P. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Boardman, Miss C. H. Boden, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barnes, Mrs. N. N. Elum, Mr. C. A. Elum, Miss P. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bach, Mr. G. B. Bost, Miss I. M. Coyne, Miss D. Caddy, Mr. W. Chapman, Major J. C. Currie, Mrs. G. Collins, Lt. and Mrs. W. A. S. Campbell, Dr. S. Chen, Mrs. J. T. Cook, Lt. Comdr. Mrs. Conway, Mr. V. J. Cruikwell, Miss D. L. P. Cavanagh, Mr. M. Dixon, Miss B. Davies, Mrs. H. A. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. E. Duncan, Miss L. Eardley, Mr. James Elder, Mr. John Elder, Comdr. and Mrs. J. A. S. Eades, Capt. and Mrs. C. E. Eades, Comdr. and Mrs. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. M. Pigel, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fuller, Mrs. B. Furber, Miss A. C. Friedrich, Mr. N. A. Gorman, Mr. P. F. Gorman, Mr. R. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gardner, Major and Mrs. Gill, Miss M. Gibbs, Major Le Gros, Mr. Goh-Ching Hee, Mr. L. Garner, Mrs. I. Graham, Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gelewsky, Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Geare, Master and Miss Geare, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal, Gordon, Mr. T. M. Gregory, Mr. E.

Hausmann, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hall, Mr. T. M. Hazeltine, Mr. E. L. Hoyle, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Halsey, Mr. S. P. Healey, Mrs. E. M. Hartley, Capt. and Mrs. A. J. Holland, Miss M. E. Harwood, Mr. J. Hoffmann, Mr. T. M. Hughes, Mrs. M. E. Heyman, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrison, Misses F. A. and E. Hill, Mr. T. A. Jenkin, Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Jones, Miss E. Kemp, Miss B. Kirke, Col. and Mrs. S. St. G. Kirke, Mr. I. Kadoorie, Sir Elly Kadoorie, Miss A. Lange, Mrs. D. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lammert, Mr. L. A. Lafford, Mr. L. L. Lafford, Capt. and Mrs. J. H. Lock, Mr. P. B. Liddell, Capt. and Mrs. W. Lumsden, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lissman, Miss B. Metchin, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morse, Major L. C. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mack, Mr. G. F. Murray, Mr. J. Mennies, Mrs. G. G. Malumphy, Mr. H. G. McNeary, Major and Mrs. McIntyre, Mr. W. L. McKenzie, Miss M. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. N. McGowan, Miss P. Morrow, Lieut. Col. C. H. F. Morrow, Mr. C. H. Ochs, Mr. E. L. Pardon, Miss E. C. Pate, Comdr. and Mrs. J. Packer, Mr. D. Peden, Comdr. and Mrs. E. O. F. Price, Mrs. M. C. Potts, Mr. and Mrs. F. Payet, Mr. G. A. Parker, Mr. M. Pagh, Mr. T. M. Pirie, Mr. C. S. Russell, Miss V. M. Bodyk, Col. H. A. Robertson, Capt. and Mrs. Rimmer, Mr. J. F. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Rafferty, Mr. T. Ramsey, Miss F. M. Smith, Mr. O. H. Swanson, Miss D. Street, Miss K. Sherwood, Mrs. M. A. Squire-Smith, Mr. Richard Sydney, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Staley, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Skinn, Miss Skinn, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shaw, Mr. E. Syder, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sleet, Mr. H. G. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. P. Stubbinger, Col. G. R. V. Stewart, Miss Steward, Eng. Capt. C. Simpson, Major and Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. and Miss Stainfield, Mr. E. Grant Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thomas, Misses E. M. and M. E. Thoy, Mr. E. E. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Tadden, Mrs. A. C. Talle, Miss M. M. Tyrrell, Mr. P. J. Taylor, Mr. J. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. O. Vagnone, Mr. R. Williams, P. C. Wright, Mrs. Whitford, Mr. L. A. Whips, Mr. A. C. Wilcox and Major and Mrs. E. Wolsey.

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Sporting Page



MACAO HOCKEY TEAM'S STRENGTH LIES IN THE DEFENCE

CAER CLARK CUP

KEEN RACE FOR HONOURS IN PROGRESS

Holders, C.B.A. And "Y" Concerned

ALL REMAINING GAMES MUST BE WON

The fight for the Caer Clark Cup has now reached a very interesting stage and the greatest importance rests on the results of the C.B.A. Ladies' games against the Hong Kong Ladies, the champions, and the "Y" Ladies.

Both the latter teams must beat the C.B.A. Ladies and win their remaining games to force a play-off. A loss of even one point will greatly jeopardise the chances of both of them.

C.B.A. Ladies' Chances

The C.B.A. Ladies are also in the running for the title, but they have to meet the "Y" Ladies and the Hong Kong Ladies, and if they can manage to win these games and draw with St. Andrew's Ladies there will be no need for a play-off, as they will be ahead of the holders and the "Y" by one point.

The next fortnight's play will see the most important phase in the championship series.

Remaining Fixtures

The following are the remaining Caer Clark Cup fixtures:—

H. K. Ladies:—

Jan. 12, v. C.B.A. (C.B.A., 3.15 p.m.)

Feb. 8, v. St. Andrew's Ladies (Sookumpoo, 3.15 p.m.)

C.B.A. Ladies:—

Jan. 11, v. "Y" Ladies (C.B.A., 3.00 p.m.)

Jan. 12, v. H. K. Ladies (C.B.A., 3.15 p.m.)

Feb. 1, v. St. Andrew's Ladies (P.T.S., 2.45 p.m.)

St. Andrew's Ladies:—

Jan. 11, v. Recreio Ladies (P.T.S., 2.45 p.m.)

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| C.B.A. Ladies | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 7 | 7 |
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RECREIO LADIES TO MAKE CHANGES?

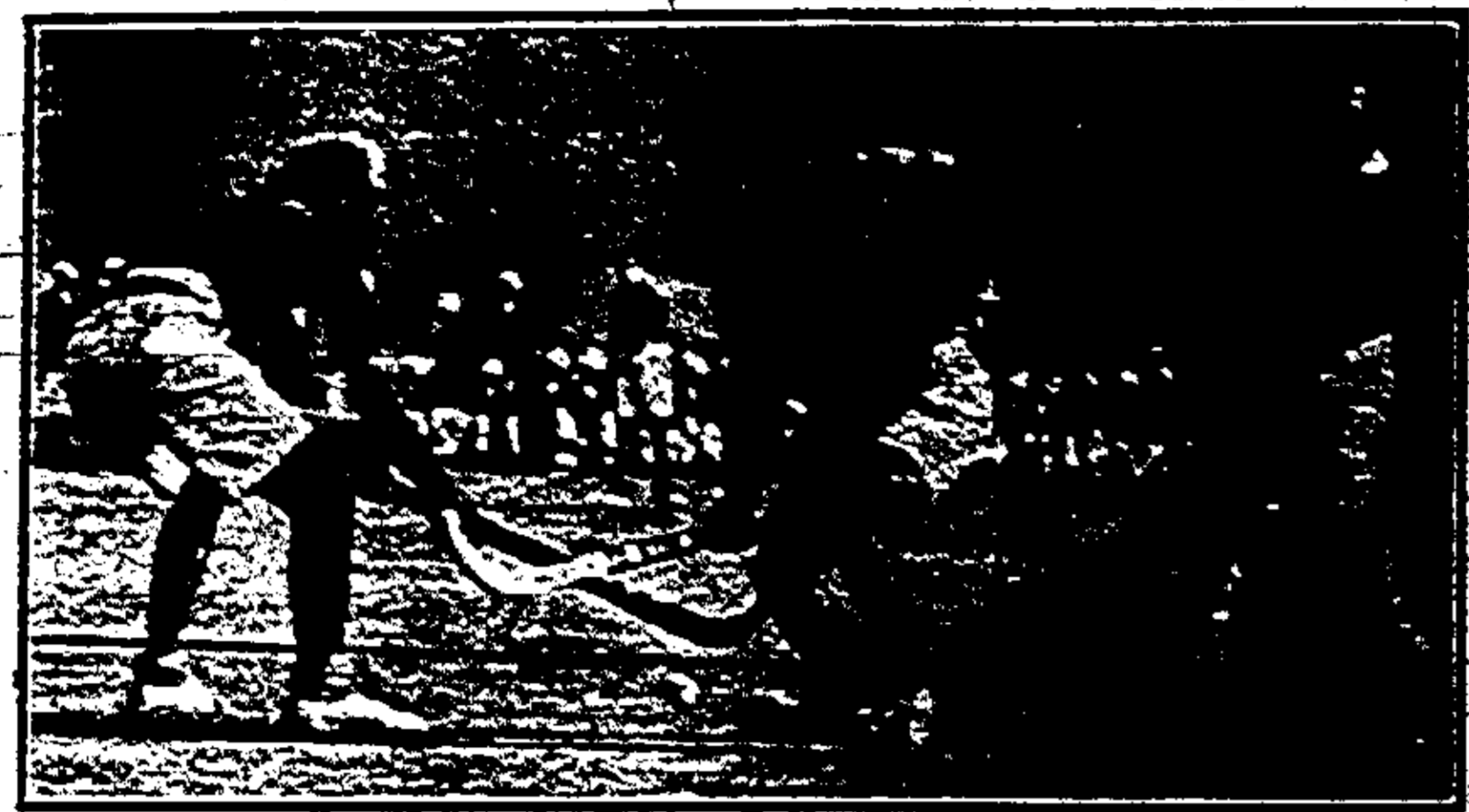
Miss Silva-Netto Injured

ONLY TWO MORE CUP GAMES LEFT

Due to the fact they have not been very successful of late, there is a rumour to the effect that there will be some important changes made in the Recreio Ladies' team next Saturday against the St. Andrew's Ladies. For this reason, the composition of the team will not be known until later in the week.

They are rather unfortunate in that Miss L. Silva-Netto, who is one of the best players in the side, has not been able to turn out for the last three months owing to a sprained ankle.

She was down to play last week, but at the last moment she had to withdraw from the team owing to further trouble from an injured ankle.



A. Aires, the brilliant Macao pivot, is here caught by the camera robbing Khuda Bux, the H.K.S.R.A. senior right-winger, of the ball in the thrilling game seen on the Marina ground last Friday afternoon which ended in a goalless draw. Lieut. C. C. Garthwaite, the Army all-rounder, can be seen on the right. (China Mail photo).

NEWCOMERS FOR POLICE

WILLIAMS IN ALDERSHOT COMMAND HOCKEY TEAM

Signaller Williams, who was the Army fast bowler here some years ago, and who has been Home for some time now, has taken to hockey and has proved himself such a capable player that he has won his place in the Aldershot Command eleven. He is playing regularly for them now.

TIME TO SELECT THE INTERPORT XI

Nucleus Suggested To Selectors

AWTAR SINGH'S CLAIMS MUST BE RECOGNISED

(By "STICKS")

With the Interport against Macao barely three weeks off, the Hong Kong Hockey Association will have to start their trials very shortly, though, with the Civilian-Combined Services match fresh in their minds, the Selection Committee should be able to select a Probables and Possibles team without much hesitation.

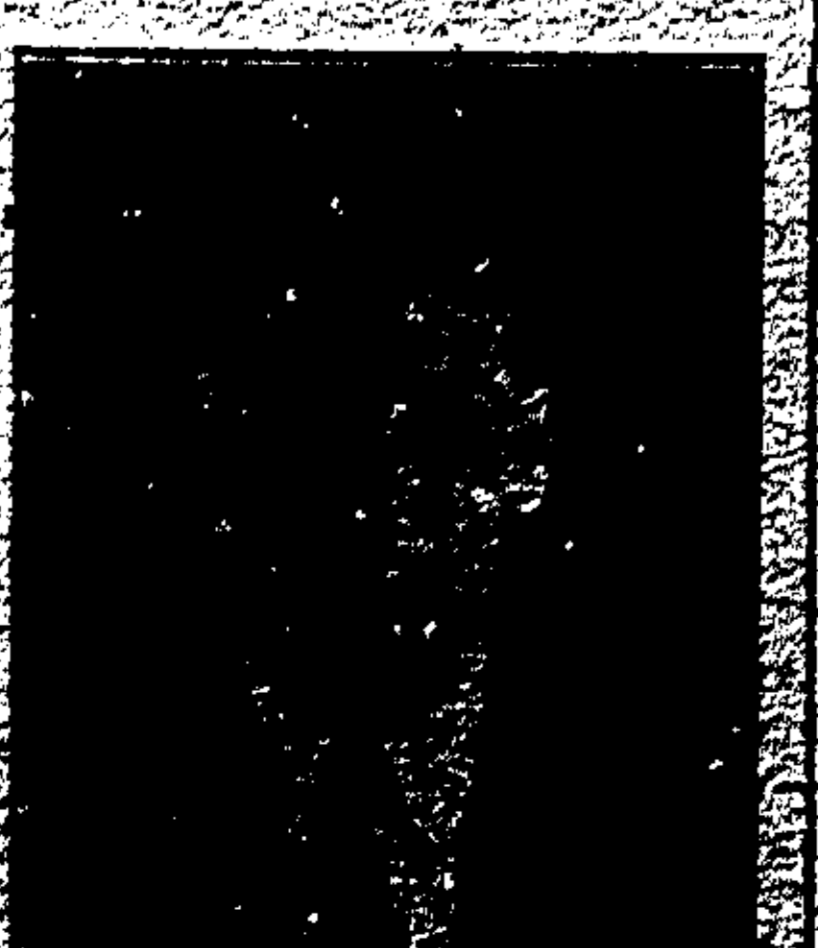
Judging from the representative and other games I have seen this season, I would select the following for the Probables' team:—

Ramzan (K.I.T.C.) (Goal)
A. E. P. Guest (Radio) (R-Back)
Comdr. Broome (Navy) (L-Back)
J. E. Potter (Club) (R-Half)
W. A. Reed (Club) (C-Half)
Alaf Din (Army) (L-Half)
G. E. R. Divett (Club) (R-Wing)
Gurbachan Singh (Radio) (T-Right)
Awtar Singh (K.I.T.C.) (C-Forward)
L. Burch (Army) (O-Left)
Lal Singh (Army) (O-Left).

Reserves:—G. Sommer (Club) (F-Back), N. Beltrac (Recreio) (R-Back) and C. C. Garthwaite (Army) (Forward).

It will be seen from the above that I have selected Ramzan, of the K.I.T.C., in preference to R. H. Wong, of St. Andrew's, for the berth between the sticks. The former gave a glorious display against Macao and has performed consistently well, as against Wong's non-appearance in hockey, with the exception of representative games.

Turning to the backs, there is no question but that Guest is better than anyone we have at present, while Broome is in a class by himself in the left-back position. (Continued in next column)



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PROMISING PLAYERS FOR SECOND XI

CAMERON USEFUL LEFT-WINGER

NORTH AND WALL LIKELY TO PROVE INVALUABLE

There are several promising hockey players among the men who have recently joined the Police Force.

The best among the newcomers is Cameron. He plays on the left wing and has shown up so well recently that he should develop into one of the best left-wingers in the Colony in time.

Willis, late of the 12th Battery, Royal Artillery, is another newcomer to the Police forward line. North, the footballer, also plays hockey and is said to be a fast forward and a definite acquisition to the hockey section.

Wall, another newcomer to the Force, plays at back and, with a little more practice, should be a useful reserve for the First team. To-morrow the European Police will meet the Hong Kong Hockey Club in a friendly game on the Club ground and will be represented by the following:—

Jessop, Hayward and Blackburn; Tate, Parker and Downman; C. Pile, Moss, Wilson, Wass and Pennell.

Potter As Half

Potter I have included as a half-back because of his amazing stamina and quickness on the ball. Ordinarily a full-back, he has played in the half-back line and can be very useful, especially by clever interception.

Reed is a certainty for the pivot position, while Beltrac proved his worth in the Civilian Services' game.

Various players have been tried out on the right-wing, but without success and it is with this in view that I have suggested Divett for this position; the latter having represented the Colony against Macao early last year in the same position with a fair measure of success.

I have included Awtar Singh as the leader as his play throughout the season for the K.I.T.C. is worthy of recognition. It is an established fact, or almost so, that once a dislike is taken to a player, his reputation as one "rot" as long as he remains in the Colony. Awtar Singh once upon a time had the reputation of being selfish, but he is a new man to-day and easily one of our most brilliant leaders. His game against Macao last Sunday speaks for itself.

With Gurbachan Singh, also a fine forward, playing inside to Divett, the Colony would have probably the finest right wing in the history of the game in the Colony, and it only needs a trial to prove my statement.

These enthusiasts who witnessed Lal Burch's performance in the Triangles' Tournament, and particularly in the Civilian and Services' match, will agree with me that he is our best inside-left, and what better partner than Lal Singh, the Colony's best left-winger!

RODRIGUES LIKELY TO BE REINSTATED

INTERPORT NOT YET ACCEPTED!

LOSS OF INTEREST?

(By "Sticks")

ALTHOUGH an official invitation from the Hong Kong Hockey Association was sent to the Macao Hockey Club well over a month ago, the former has not yet received an acceptance or refusal, nor did Lieut. F. da Costa, the President of the Portuguese Island Club make any statement when in the Colony recently with his two teams!

The provisional date for the Interport was fixed for January 24 (Chinese New Year), which leaves 17 days in which to arrange Interport trials, grounds and entertainment etc., a poor state of affairs, but through no fault of the Association.

Macao made a grave blunder when they sent two teams to the Colony at so near a date to the Interport and, what was worse, when they lost against the Kowloon Indians' Tennis Club, a team by no means up to Interport standard, and drew with the H.K.S.R.A., while their juniors succumbed to the Gummars' second teams and then beat the Recreio. The result of these games has been a considerable loss of interest in the Interport.

Last Friday's game gave me an opportunity of ascertaining the strength and weakness of Macao teams, particularly the juniors, who made their first appearance in the Colony.

Taking the seniors first, Almada, their goalkeeper was never beaten and cleared with deadly precision.

Rodrigues To Be Reinstated?

Cardosa was the pick of the two backs and was like greased lightning in his interceptions, while he wasted very little time in his clearances. E. Rosorio, who partnered him, gave a sound display, but was not in the same class as his colleague, and it is more than probable that J. Rodrigues, the junior right-back, who played for the seniors last season, will be reinstated.



Lieut. F. da Costa, above, the President of the Macao Hockey Club, is expected to leave for Portugal on transfer early in March. He will be missed by many hockey enthusiasts, both in the Colony and in the Straits where he took a team last year. (China Mail photo).

The latter gave a magnificent performance against the H.K.S.R.A. seconds, his reverse stick clearances and steadiness on the slippery gravel pitch, being a delight to watch.

When one talks of a hockey half-back, the mind immediately switches to W. A. Reed, the best the Colony possesses, but he will have to go a long way before he touches anything like the form displayed by A. Aires, the brilliant Macao pivot, whose truly magnificent display prevented the H.K.S.R.A. from scoring.

Good Positioning

Aires hardly seems to move, his positioning being so excellent. Last Friday he was literally everywhere at the same time! I am afraid he is likely to be too clever for our probable leader, L. Costa, and F. Rodrigues, the right and left wing halves, can't keep up with him. The necessary support and should be equal to the task of holding the Colony inside forwards.

Ramalho, the Macao senior inside-right, is their most dangerous forward and if he could only curb his desire to underfoot, what



Awtar Singh, above, the K.I.T.C. centre-forward, cannot be ignored when the time comes to select the Colony Interport hockey trial teams.

TRIBUTE TO TWO REFEREES

MACAO GAME WITH H.K.S.R.A.

ONE OF THEIR BEST GAMES

The H.K.S.R.A., who provided hockey enthusiasts with such excellent hockey in their game against Macao last Friday, will not be able to indulge in much hockey for some time due to the fact that another Battery has gone to Camp. They will probably figure only in practice games until the Large Units Competition begins on February 8.

The Brigade won this competition last year and will naturally be all out to retain the trophy this year.

Speaking of the Macao game, Lt. C. Ravenhill, the hockey Hon. Secretary of the Brigade team, and incidentally their centre-half, said that it was one of the best games he had ever played in.

He paid a special tribute to the excellent way in which the referees, Capt. Kimm and Mr. G. T. Palmer, handled the game.

CPL. BARLOW PRAISES LOCAL LADIES' HOCKEY

Good Enough To Beat Many English Teams

Cpl. Barlow, R.A.S.C., formerly Hon. Secretary of the Mamak Hockey League, who is now stationed at Preston, has secured a place in the Preston Garrison Hockey eleven.

He has also done a good deal of refereeing, especially in ladies' games, and expressed the opinion that a representative ladies' team from Hong Kong would give many an English team of ladies a good game.

AN IRRITATING HOCKEY PRACTICE

Nothing is more irritating in hockey than for an umpire to have to order a corner hit to be taken twice, or even thrice, because the defenders run out over the goal line before the corner hit has been made. The award of a short corner hit for such an offence, if the umpire is given full discretion in such cases, might do much to check these corner hit delays. A. E. C. Thomson.

SIGNALS IN BAD WAY

HALF MAMAK TEAM LEAVE BY TROOPER

AUSTEN TO BUILD UP NEW ELEVEN

"HOME REFEREEING NOT SO STRICT AS IN COLONY"

When the troopship *Neuralia* sailed last Saturday, she carried away with her, in addition to the other troops, six members of the Royal Corps of Signals hockey team—L/Cpl. Shove, Sig. Martin, Sig. Buttery, Sig. Fielding, Sig. Dilley and Sig. Farrell—with the result that the Signals are now so short of players that they have had to cancel their Mamak game with the Police, which was originally scheduled to be played off this afternoon.

Sig. A. F. Austen, who was formerly in charge of the Signals' hockey team, and also assistant Hon. Secretary of the Mamak Hockey League, has just returned to the Colony after an absence of 10 months and has again taken over the secretaryship of the Signals' team.

Nucleus Of New Team

Although there is a dearth of talent in the Signals at the moment, Austen says that he is confident that he will be able to build up a team with Sig. Cox, L/Cpl. Nash, Sig. May, Sig. Dove and himself forming the nucleus.

While at Home, Austen played for the 1st Divisional Signals at Aldershot, and when asked what he thought of the standard of hockey here as compared to that in England, said that the game was very much faster in Hong Kong due to the fact that all the games in England were played on grass. He added with a smile that the refereeing at Home was not so strict as in the Colony!

LADIES' FINAL PRACTICE

To Meet Rest Of Colony On Sunday

The remaining reserve forward vacancy caused by Miss P. Gittins' inclusion in the selected team still remains open, and a final decision with regard to this will be made after next Sunday morning's final practice game before the Interport team leaves for Shanghai.

In next Sunday's practice the Interport team will again meet the Rest of the Colony, and it is hoped that last Sunday's players will again be able to take the field in order to provide the selected eleven with the best opposition available.

The teams are:—
Interport XI—Mrs. J. Lumsden (H.K.), Miss E. M. Gray (H.K.) and Miss A. Fowler ("Y").
Rest of the Colony—Mrs. J. Wong (St. Andrew's), Miss M. Bryson (C.B.A.) and Mrs. M. Bell (H.K.).
The "Y" team—Mrs. P. Gittins (St. Andrew's), Miss J. Avery ("Y") and Miss M. Westcott ("Y").
The Rest (pending confirmation)—Mrs. Rose (St. Andrew's), Miss P. Woolley (C.B.A.) and Miss J. Smalley (H.K.).
The C.B.A. team—Mrs. E. Thomson ("Y") and Mrs. Henry ("Y").
The H.K. team—Miss O. Dalziel ("Y"), Miss P. Dalziel (H.K.), Mrs. White (C.B.A.), Miss A. Aires (Recreio) and Miss R. Knill.

HOW NEW ZEALAND PRODUCE THEIR EARTHQUAKES

Three happenings can produce a sensation in New Zealand:—(1) An earthquake, (2) a slump in the price of wool, and (3) a defeat of the All Blacks. Ronald For-

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FANLING GOLF

Captain's Cup And Stubbs Shield

The following were the results
of the First Round matches in
the Captain's Cup, 1935, at Fan-
ling.

- A. B. Purves beat A. McKeellar,
4 and 2.
H. Jussereaud beat K. W. Jones,
3 and 2.

- J. H. B. Lee received a w.o.
from A. M. W. Scott.
W. J. S. Key beat J. McI.
Brown, 4 and 3.

- W. W. C. Shewan beat P. Mor-
rison, 1 up.
D. J. Keogh beat A. K. Forsyth,
2 and 1.

- D. S. Edward received a w.o.
from H. A. Browning.
C. E. Burton beat C. W. E.
Bishop at the 19th.

The Second Round has to be
played not later than January 26.
Stubbs Shield

The following were the results
of the matches in the Second
Round of the Stubbs Shield.

- P. W. D. beat Reiss Massey & Co.,
1 up.
Drs. McGowan, Anderson & Co.
beat B. and S.

- H. K. Shanghai Bank received a
w.o. from Wilkinson & Grist.
Chartered Bank beat Harbour
Offices, 2 and 1.

- Colonial Treasury beat Lowe,
Bingham & Matthews.
Gilman & Co. beat C.P.E., 2 up.
R.E. beat H.K.S.R.A.

J. D. Hutchison & Co. received
a w.o. from the Education De-
partment.
The Third Round is to be played
not later than January 27.

RYDER CUP DONOR DIES

London, Jan. 2.—Samuel Ryd-
er, donor of the Ryder golf cup
for which British and American
teams compete annually, died
here to-day. He was 77 years
old.—Associated Press.

NEARLY RECORD IN GOLF

Addington Trounce Dark Blues

"LOOKED LIKE A DAISY CHAIN"

London, December 2.

Addington, fielding a very
strong side against Oxford Uni-
versity, won all the four matches
and the first eleven singles, until
the row of noughts opposite the names
of the University players, as a
man unkindly put it at the time
"looked like a daisy chain."

J. R. Sayers, however, became
the hero of the day by winning
the last hole to have his match
with the Hon. M. Strutt. The re-
sult is nearly a record. Sunning-
dale beat Cambridge in every
match in 1920.

Yet I do not think Oxford are
by any means as bad a side as
this result makes them appear.
They lost four of the four matches
by only one hole.

Furthermore the new course is
extraordinarily difficult to anyone
who is not completely familiar
with it.

OXFORD CROSS-COUNTRY HALF-BLUES

Oxford University cross-country
half-blues have been awarded
to J. E. Hawkey (Blundell's) and
University College, and W. D.
Paul (Magdalen College School
and St. Catherine's).

IRELAND'S FORWARD'S SHAKE "ALL BLACKS"

INTERPORT SOCCER TRIAL FIASCO

SOUTH CHINA "A" BACKS MISSING FROM TEAMS

RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION QUESTION MAY BE ANSWER!

(By "Referee")

THE Interport Football Selection Committee
have done a fairly good job in selecting two
teams for the first trial next Sunday, although
one is immediately impressed by the absence of
any Second Division player, as there are many
quite good enough.

It has invariably been the custom with the Hong Kong Foot-
ball Association to select only players from the First Division, as
these men are supposed to represent the cream of the Three
Divisions, but what about Cheng Shui-hon, the Eastern leader,
who formerly played for South China and who gave Hong Kong
their only victory on Shanghai soil several seasons ago and
Singleton, the prolific Third Division scorer, and they are only
two among others.

It would be very interesting to see what really good talent
could be unearthed from the junior teams, as I have seen several
promising players who are equal, if not better, to some of our
"leading lights."

KOWLOON TO MEET S. CHINA "A" IN SENIOR SHIELD

Interporters Leave
By M. V. Victoria

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED TO COUNCIL

The draw for the Second Round
of the Shield Competitions and
the election of members to fill the
vacancies on the different com-
mittees caused by the impending
departure of Captain E. Hague,
provided the only important busi-
ness at the monthly meeting of
the Council of the Hong Kong
Football Association, which was
held last night and which was
presided over by the new Chair-
man, Colonel H. C. Harrison,
D.S.O.

Others present were Mr. T. A.
Mitchell, and Commander T. A.
Hussey, Vice-Presidents, Messrs.
M. L. Raiton, Hon. secretary,
Wong Ka-tsun, E. K. Lee, J. Mc-
Kelvie, S. Strange, C. A. Golden-
berg, C. Guimang, Captain E.
Hague, Lieut. C. Chaplin, Lieut.
Delamain, Lieut. Carson, Captain
O'Grady, R.A., and Mr. Wood-
ward, (R.N.).

The Interport team will be
leaving by the m.v. Victoria,
which sails on January 19, so
that it will be possible to play
the Interport team against the
Best on the Saturday preceding.
Messrs. Chaplin and Guimang
were elected to serve on the Emer-
gency and League Management
Committees, but it was decided
that Captain Hague should re-
tain his positions until he leaves.

Before closing the meeting the
Chairman welcomed Lieut. Car-
son of the Ulster Rifles, to the
Council.

Shield Draws

The following is the draw and fore-
cast for the Second Round of the
Senior and Junior Shield Competitions
to be played on Saturday:

SENIOR SHIELD
St. Joseph's v POLICE
(Causeway Bay, 4.00 p.m.)

CLUB v Navy
(Club, 4.00 p.m.)

Lyceum, R.A. v S. CHINA "B"
(Sooi pao, 4.00 p.m.)

Kowloon v S. CHINA "A"
(Kowloon, 4.00 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD
v Athletic
(Sookmoo, 2.30 p.m.)

ULSTER RIDES v PORTUGUESE
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)

FUSILLIERS v Eastern
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)

NAVY v East Lancs.
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)

M.C.C. TOURISTS DRAW WITH SOUTH ISLAND

Inter-cargills, New Zealand, yes-
terday, the cricket match between
the M.C.C. tourists and South
Island, which commenced on Satur-
day, ended in a draw yesterday,
when rain interfered with play
after the New Zealanders had
knocked up 53 for 4 against their
opponents' huge score of 489. (H.
Parks 201, E. R. T. Holmes 100,
James Langridge 113, McGowan 5
for 96).—Enter.

Rodger, on his displays
throughout the season, has
fully justified inclusion, while
Rowlands, the Army custodian,
started brilliantly only to fall
away during recent matches.
One goalkeeper who must be
given a trial is Boyes, of Kow-
loon, who is credited with
several very outstanding per-
formances.

It will be seen from the teams
below that all of South China "A's"
full-backs have been omitted—
why? Was it because of Tam
Kong-pak being ordered off or have
the Association considered the re-
sidential qualifications of the re-
spective players? This is one of
many questions which I would like
to see answered.

Last Year's Mistake

Last year, it will be recalled, the
Colony's Interport team had three
players, namely Wong Wing, Lee
Tin-sang and Tam Kong-pak, who
were members of the Hong Kong
Football League but who were not
residents of the Colony. Is this to
be repeated again?

I know I am right in saying
that, although several of the
Shanghai team were aware of this
fact, and quietly resented it, as it
did not abide by the Interport by-
laws, nothing was said out of com-
mon courtesy. I only hope that
there will be no cause for argument
this year.

However, Leung Wing-chiu, who
has by no means justified inclusion,
being about 50 per cent. below last
year's standard, Wong Mei-shun,
who is not a Colony resident, Lee
Kwok-wai, and Tao Kwai-shing,
probably the only South China
player worthy of his place, are on
trial.

Costa Passes Over

There is no denying the fact that
Costa, the St. Joseph's left-back,
should have been given a trial in
preference to either Swain or
Steel in the Colours' team, but I
understand that Costa cannot re-
cover quickly enough and so does
not compare with either of the
East Lancs' backs!

Furthermore, one does not have
to glance twice at the two teams
to realise that Whites are the In-
terport Probables and Colours the
Possibles!

Those Partnerships Again

E. Strange was obviously in-
cluded in the Probables team be-
cause he plays with Bickford in
the Club team, yet Talbot and
Bickford were featured in a bril-
liant display together on New
Year's Day, a combination which
in itself outclassed any perform-
ance given by the Strange-Bickford
combine during the period that
they have been together.

However, Sunday's trial will
bring out the best and the worst,
and there is plenty of time to
bring about a final selection, and
play several practice games before
the team leaves on January 19!

Sunday's teams are:
Whites—Rodger (Club); Mak Sai-
now (Athletic) and S. Strange (Club);
Leung Wing-chiu (S. China "A");
Wong Mei-shun (S. China "A");
Lee Kwok-wai (S. China "A");
Tao Kwai-shing (S. China "A");
A. Ward (St. Joseph's), Sandford (East
Lancs), E. Strange (Club) and Bick-
ford (Club).
Team Managers—Captain E. Hag-



Medical circles throughout the
world are interested in the re-
port from Budapest that "Zdenka"
Zdenka Koubkova (above),
holder of the women's world 880
Yards track record, may become
a man through a minor operation.
Doctors are said to have infor-
med Koubkova that she (or he)
has the option of either sex.

BILLIARDS TITLES

BIG ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR BOTH EVENTS

Lane, Crawford's And
B.A.T. Give Cups

OSMUND DRAWS BYE INTO SECOND ROUND

The draw was made in the Club
Lansit last night for the Senior
and Junior Billiards Champion-
ships of the Colony. Twenty-eight
entered for the Senior champion-
ship, while 61 entries were
secured in the Junior division.

The series will commence next
Monday evening when four games
will be played off. It is
understood that Messrs. Lane,
Crawford Ltd. may donate a
trophy for competition among the
seniors, while the British Ameri-
can Tobacco Co. have agreed to
present one to the juniors. The
President and Treasurer of the
Association, Mr. E. D. da Rosa
and Mr. E. A. dos Remedios, re-
spectively have signified their in-
tention of providing a cup for the
highest breaks in each division.

The following is the Sub-com-
mittee in charge of all the ar-
rangements concerning tables,
etc: Messrs. M. N. Rakusen, E. A.
Remedios, and R. P. Phillips. The
Referee Sub-committee consists
of Q. M. S. Staples, Messrs. W.
Randall, J. Hodges K. K. Lemng,
P. A. Yvanovich and A. J. Os-
mund (Convenor).

Senior Championship

The following is the draw for
the Senior Championship.

Bye into Second Round: M. N.
Rakusen v J. F. McGowan.

First Round: A. W. Grimmit v W.
Hong Sling; Q. M. S. Staples v E. D.
da Rosa; Q. S. M. Elvin v N. A.
Santos; Lam Cho-cha v P. A. Yvanovich;

A. P. Ferreira jun. v S. M. da
Luz jun.; E. Tse v P. P. Phillips; W.
M. Andrews v M. M. da Silva; C. Q.
M. S. Chae-tham v P. A. Gille; W. B.
Hillyer v Chan Kai-yun; Ho Shui-
cheong v W. F. Stafford; E. L. Bar-
ros v Yam Chan-pang; E. A. dos
Remedios v Sergt. Freeman.

Bye into Second Round: Leung
Lin-chuen v A. J. Osmond.
(Continued on Page 7)

R.A.
Colours: — Rowlands (Fusiliers);
Swain (East Lancs) and Steele
(East Lancs); Lee Kwok-chui (Ath-
letic); Beltrao (Regiment) and
Elms (St. Joseph's); E. Cosano
(Regiment); Hill (Club); Leonard (St.
Joseph's); Talbot (Fusiliers) and Rid-
ings (East Lancs).

Team Manager: Lieut. C. Chap-
lin (East Lancs).

Reserves: Costa (St. Joseph's),
Brooks (Police), Yeung Sai-yick (S.
China "B"), Elliot (Club), Cheuk
Shek-kam (S. China "B") and
Roberts (Fusiliers).

BUT OUTCLASSED BEHIND SCRUM

CAUGHEY FINDS GAPS IN MIDFIELD DEFENCE

VITAL TRY DISALLOWED

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

MANY hopes went crashing down at Lans-
downe-road on Saturday, when New Zealand
beat Ireland by a goal, two penalty goals and two
tries (17 points) to two penalty goals and a try
(9 points).

Some of us suspected that New Zealand team work would be
too much for Irish impetuosity, but at the back of our minds there
was always the feeling that the Irish forwards might snatch a
glorious victory.

Those forwards did their gallant best, without a doubt, and
several times in the second half they sent New Zealand reeling
back with smashing blows. At one period, indeed, New Zealand
led by only eleven points to nine, but Ireland could not produce
the final scoring thrust.

It was the old story of the
first-rate boxer against the
fighter, and with sundry feints
and counters and straight lefts
the boxer escaped the knock-out
punch, and won handsomely on
points. A fine performance by
New Zealand, and the sincerity
of our congratulations is at the
same time a measure of our
respect for their opponents.

The Missing Referee
Here one must interpolate a
note on the strange affair of
the missing referee, which
sounds like an entry in Sherlock
Holmes' case-book.

By some unhappy mischance
the chosen official, Mr. M. A.
Allan, missed a train connec-
tion on his way from Scotland,
and could not reach the ground
in time. An awkward situa-
tion, but Mr. Allan's place was
taken by Mr. R. W. Jeffares, of
Ireland, who accepted this heavy
responsibility at the eleventh
hour, and carried out his diffi-
cult task with an impartiality
which must have satisfied both
sides.

I am sure, at any rate, that
he had a perfectly good reason
for one particular decision,
which displeased the crowd at
the beginning of the second
half. A critical decision, as it
happened, for Siggins dribbled
over the New Zealand line and
touched down after a grand
Irish forward rush, and Mr.
Jeffares ordered a five yards
scrum.

Bitter Disappointment
I thought myself that Siggins
had scored, and if Ireland had
been allowed a try the addi-
tional two points for a goal
from an easy position would
have made the scores level. A
bitter disappointment for the
crowd, naturally, but Mr.
Jeffares had a closer and better
view than any spectator, and I
would not dream of questioning
his ruling.

As for the game itself, the
simple facts are these. Ireland
took too long to settle down. In
the first half New Zealand won
23 out of 30 set scrummages,
and the strangely disappointing
Irish defence could not hold the
New Zealand mid-field runners.
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NEW YORK MAGAZINE SELECTS BOXERS

MacAvoy Not Listed Among Leaders!

New York, December 20.
Rankings of the world's great-
est boxers in all divisions were
announced to-day by the "Ring"
magazine in its annual selection.
Listed in the order of their
ability, the heavyweights are rank-
ed by the magazine as follows:
Joe Louis, James J. Braddock
(champion), Max Schmeling (ex-
champion), Primo Carnera (ex-
champion).

John Henry Lewis and Marie Ros-
enbloom were given a tie for first
place in the light-heavyweight divi-
sion. Middleweights were ranked as
follows: Marcel Thil, Freddy Sotelo,
Lou Brockland and Eddie "Baby"
Risko (champion). Welterweights:
Barney Ross (champion), Ben Van
Klaren, Lightweight: Tony Can-
zoneri (champion), Lou (Amber)
Featherweights: Freddie Miller
(champion), Bantamweights: Bal-
thazar Sangchell, Sixto Escobar (N.B.A.
champion), Flyweights: Benny

THE STEADY ADVANCE OF Q.P. RANGERS

Crystal Palace Have
Full-Back Problem

DAWES VERY MUCH
IN DEMAND

London, November 23.
Queen's Park Rangers for pro-
motion! Perhaps nobody has
thought of it, but such is the pro-
gress they have made since the
arrival of Cheetham, Bartlett, Al-
lan and Lumsden that promotion
has become more than a logical
possibility.

It is seven seasons since they
were so well placed. Reading, at
the moment, have a clear lead in
points: it would, nevertheless, be
unwise to overlook the possibility
of three or four others being hard
on their heels after the turn of
the year.

Now that Mr. William Birrell
has been able to introduce Ballan-
tine, with his serviceable Scottish
experience, as the "inspiration" of
the attack, further definite pro-
gress is expected.

Palace And That Back

Mr. Tom Bromlow, on the
other hand, is having a very wor-
rying time in his first year as
manager of Crystal Palace F.C.
The team which he took over is
not good enough, in his opinion,
to gain promotion.

Although some new players have
recently been secured with the
money Norwich paid for Man-
ders, others are still required. In-
juries, too, have helped to peg the
club back.

Haynes, the captain, is still in
hospital following a fractured
arm. In the next bed is Worthing-
ton, who has been operated on for
carriage trouble.

Mr. Bromlow has tried desper-
ately hard to get another full
back.

Crystal Palace could realise a
lot of money if they were agree-
able to part with Dawes. The
Club refuses, although inquiries are
received with almost monotonous
regularity.

A First Division club, not a
thousand miles from Selhurst Park,
tried to get Dawes only a
few days ago. His big attrac-
tion is that he can get goals, and
can play either centre-forward or
inside.

LADIES SAILING RACES

Miss E. Walker, at the helm of
Lois, yesterday won the Ladies
"A" Class Sweepstakes Sailing race
held under the auspices of the
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club,
while Mrs. E. Cooper, piloting
Sphinx, won the Mixed Class
event.

NISHIMURA RETIRES

Tokyo.
Hidwo Nishimura, a member of
the Japanese Davis Cup team in
1924 and 1925, has announced his
withdrawal from major tennis
competition.

Lynch, Small Montana (champion),
Montana was the only Filipino Net-
ball champion. Flyweights: Benny

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Egypt's Political
Kaleidoscope

Of all the wonders that come out of Egypt none could be more startling at the present time than the decision taken by the Premier, Tewfik Nessim Pasha, to recommend the restoration of the Constitution of 1923. A "United Front," comprising all political parties in Opposition and including many non-party men, had achieved unexpected unanimity in a resolve to petition King Fuad for this political change, which has long been desired by the extreme Nationalists of the Wafd party. Nessim Pasha and his Cabinet were preparing to resign in face of this formidable union of forces against them. But with an agility of mind which took his own Ministers by surprise, Nessim Pasha reflected overnight and decided himself to put forward the Opposition policy.

It cannot be pretended that a return to the 1923 Constitution without modification, is an un-mixed blessing. Even in the ranks of the Wafd there have been admissions that it was imperfect, and Sir Samuel Hoare, when he regrettably described it in his Guildhall speech as "unworkable," could have backed his statement by the fact that between 1923 and 1930 it had thrice to be suspended. Two of the statesmen responsible for its suspension, Mohamed Mahmud Pasha and Ismail Sidky Pasha, have recently joined the "United Front," which pressed for its reintroduction. They may be taken to have been moved chiefly by the tactical manoeuvres of the Wafd, who have pretended that Britain would veto any return to 1923, and roused the students to riot as a demonstration against a veto which in fact has never been exercised. As Sir Samuel Hoare stated in the Commons last month, the British Government when consulted last spring gave their advice that a suitable organic law should be drafted. Sir Miles Lampson suggested a formula which Nessim Pasha quoted in a communique last month: "No one was opposed to the return to Parliamentary life at the appropriate moment; it was for the Egyptian Government to decide the form that was preferable."

Now that it is clear that the Wafd have been diligently forcing a door that was always open, it may be hoped that they and their temporary allies will cease to rouse to anti-British excesses the always excitable intelligentsia of Egypt. During the earlier months of last year there was unusual good feeling between the two nations. Events over their borders demonstrated to the Egyptians the reality of the protection given them by the presence of the British navy and British troops, and common action on sanctions helped to consolidate a friendly feeling. A misinterpretation of Sir Samuel Hoare's Guildhall speech gravely disturbed these good relations, and those who had recently regarded the British as their allies and protectors began to ask indignantly if they would never be allowed to protect themselves. As the then Foreign Secretary said last month: "His Majesty's Government look forward to the establishment of new Egyptian relations on a permanent footing, satisfactory to both countries." But the present conditions in Abyssinia make it difficult to negotiate a

EXPLANATION OF
YESTERDAY'S
CARTOON

The Duke Of Diamonds

DUKE Karl II of Brunswick (1804-1873) left his throne and Kingdom forever on September 7, 1830, when an enraged mob stormed his palace. He took with him a fortune estimated at about \$100,000,000, mostly in diamonds and cash.

After travelling across the continent, the Duke finally settled in Geneva, Switzerland. He chose the Swiss city as a result of being contemptuously treated by a local policeman, and decided to make the city his sole heir. About 40 years later, a traffic cop rebuked the Duke for driving on the left, and almost caused the Duke to revoke his bequest.

Karl II died in Geneva in 1873 intestate and his fortune fell to the city. With some of it a huge monument to the Duke was erected on the shores of Lake Geneva. An illegitimate daughter claimed the fortune. Her contest caused a lawsuit which lasted until 1935, when the highest tribunal finally upheld the city of Geneva as the rightful heir to the Duke's estate.

Ate A Bear With The
Bear's Own Teeth.

First prize in the recent national "Believe It or Not" contest, goes to Miss Doris Lee of Anoka, Minn., for the story of Nimrod Robertson's unique dental accomplishments in the wilds of Alaska.

About 30 years ago, Mr. Robertson was prospecting for gold on the Yukon near Eagle, Alaska, and was known throughout the Yukon country for his genius and the unusual things he did. But the most unusual happened when his health began to fail. He decided that the cause of ill health was badly decayed teeth, and being a long distance from a dentist, he pulled all his own teeth with an ordinary pair of pliers. But he had to have teeth, and devised a way of making artificial plates himself. He then fashioned metal plates to fit his mouth and shot a bear in order to obtain teeth, which he set in the plates for a perfect fit. The bear he hung up to freeze, and during the long winter he ate the bear himself with the bear's own teeth.

FLOOD MENACE
IN FRANCEThreatening Rise Of
The Loire

-CHINA MAIL- SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

The River Loire rose considerably over Sunday in consequence of the increasing rainfall during the last few days. If the river should continue to rise a great number of factories in the city of Nantes will be forced to cease work. A considerable part of the district where the factories and working-class tenements are located has already been flooded.

In Chantenay the tramway traffic has been interrupted, as the water in the streets is standing a metre high. The railway service on the Paris-Nantes line has likewise been interrupted and traffic is being diverted over other routes—Trans-Ocean Service.

SUBSIDIARY COINS BEING
MINTED

Nanking, To-day.—Acting upon instructions from the Ministry of Finance, the Central Mint began to coin subsidiary coins yesterday. In view of the pressing demands, the subsidiary coins will be circulated as soon as approval is granted by the Central Government—Central News Agency.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. on Sunday was 0.03 inch. The total since January 1 has been 0.26 inches, against an average of 0.11 inches.

treaty establishing our relations with Egypt upon a new status such as the measures necessary to try would not be

Here
There
and
Everywhere.

SYNTHETIC LOCAL COLOUR

Many people have assumed that Winifred Holtby, who died recently, must have known Abyssinia intimately, in order to give the verisimilitude which makes "Mandos, Mandos!" so convincing a novel about that country.

In a letter which Miss Holtby wrote just before she died to a correspondent in America, she said: "I wrote 'Mandos' in nursing homes and suchlike unadventurous places, recovering from a long illness."

She adds that Lord Buxton, the British adviser sent to the Emperor of Abyssinia about the slave trade, wanted to know "how I had obtained much of my information, which was true but supposed to be private."

Actually it came from guide-books and reports, and from conversations with people who knew the country.

JULES VERNE DID NOT TRAVEL

The outstanding case of a novelist who in imagination travelled the world he had never seen was Jules Verne, who rarely stirred a mile from his village near Amiens.

A contemporary British writer who marvelously captures the flavour of places he has never seen is James Hilton, whose Russian "atmosphere" in "Knight Without Armour" and Tibetan "atmosphere" in "The Lost Horizon" is purely imagined. But Mr. Hilton proposes in the immediate future to travel round the world.

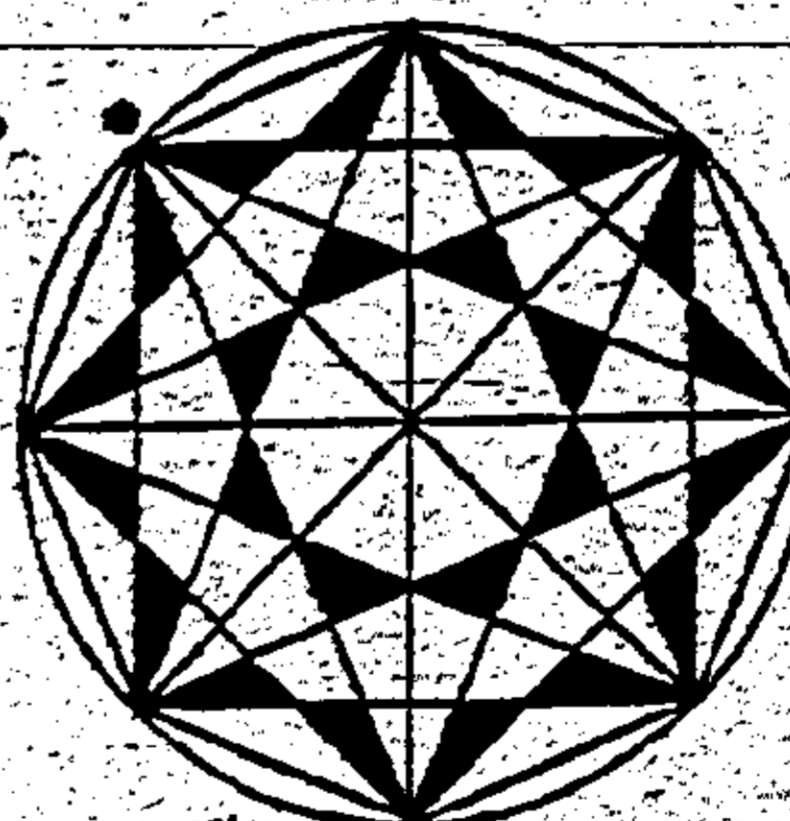
This question was discussed the other day with Ann Bridge, who knows intimately China and Illyria, which have made the background of her novels. She is all for a novelist sticking to things he knows at first hand. In the other sort of work, she says, an expert can always spot the cracks.

Your Daily Smile!

ALL IN VEIN

A retired business man, who has settled down in the country, writes that it is so quiet in his village that he can sit and listen to his arteries hardening.

"Sh-h!"
"We were slowly starving," said the great explorer, at the boarding-house table, "but we cut up our boots and made soup of them."
"Sh-h-h! Not so loud," exclaimed a fellow boarder. "The landlady might hear you."



HOW MANY
GEOMETRICAL CORRECT FIGURES
IN THIS CIRCLE?

Answer Tomorrow

GET ON-OR GET
OUTBRITAIN'S WEAKNESSES
IN MEDITERRANEANADEQUATE AIR DEFENCE NEEDED
FOR MALTA AND GIBRALTAR

(By Captain Norman Macmillan)

MALTA, our key naval base in the centre of the Mediterranean, is untenable against either French or Italian air action. Gibraltar is within the range of Italian bomber operating from Sardinia. Our mandate in Palestine does not give us the right to turn that country into an armed base. Egypt we have surrendered to the Egyptians, thereby abnegating our right to make it a stronghold of British power.

Thus Britain's ancient strategic command of the Mediterranean has been swept away.

Rome's Heritage

Italy bids fair to dominate the Mediterranean—from the Levant, along the northern shores of Africa, through the narrows to the Ligurian Sea; and with that domination her status has risen once again to the proud position that her subjects look upon as their rightful heritage from the days of the grandeur of Rome.

This swift turning of the tables has resulted from Italy's development of air power to suit her strategic position in the Mediterranean basin. From Sardinia in the west to Rhodes and Cyrenia in the east, Italian planes can range the whole of the Mediterranean Sea, as Roman and Venetian war galleys once swept its waters.

Most people in Great Britain do not appreciate the real strength of Italy at the present time. They do not realise that her bombing fleets are superior to ours in numbers, speed, range and carrying capacity. With typical British placidity they say to themselves: "We really cannot be so badly off. We must have something up our sleeve."

The New Eagles

This attitude makes me shudder. The Air Ministry cannot bring high-speed bombers out of its sleeve as a conjurer produces rabbits from a hat.

Here are the performances of some Italian bombers calculated for a range of 1,200 miles. The range can be increased by reducing bomb load, or bomb load increased by reducing range.

| Type | Speed in m.p.h. | Bomb Load Carried |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Savoia S-72 | 163 | 7,000lb. |
| Breda 46 | 201 | 2,200lb. |
| Breda 64 | 229 | 1,220lb. |
| Savoia S-79 | 236 | 4,400lb. |
| Fiaggio P-16 | 248 | 1,100lb. |

Although the new Bristol Bomber—whose prototype was produced through the foresight of a private citizen, Lord Rothermere—will re-establish our position against the Fiaggio P-16 when deliveries are effected and pilots have learned to use it, the Royal Air Force squadrons have nothing to equal these Italian performances at the present time.

What does this mean? With Gibraltar an ancient fortress that could fall before aerial attack as the forts of Liege and Namur fell before the onslaught of German heavy artillery—(Montgolfier considered aerial attack against Gibraltar, with his fire balloon in 1783)—with Malta an untenable island from which our fleets have withdrawn to Alexandria and Haifa, we must consider the possibilities that exist in the event of war.

Must we face evacuation of the Mediterranean or risk possible defeat if we attempt to hold it with our present forces?

Wings Over Cyprus

There is but one place where we have still the right to maintain armed forces to protect the passage of our shipping through the waterway of the Mediterranean. That place is Cyprus, an island large enough to form an adequate base, large enough to support a garrison on a scale requisite to meet the situation.

But it is useless to consider a proposal to turn Cyprus into a huge naval base. Apart from its lack of natural harbours, unprotected naval ships could never maintain free passage in the Mediterranean from Port Said to the narrows between Sicily and Tunisia, where lies the Italian island Pantelleria. Naval ships could not guarantee safe passage from these narrows to the Straits of Gibraltar. Even submarines would not be safe; they could be (Continued on Page 10)

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley

Des Moines, Ia.

Dear Sir
My sister and I were married the same day both of us had babies both the same day both babies weighed the same both have blue eyes both walked the same day both are now high school graduates living with their parents—both are married and both are happily married both want to be both think I am lucky for finding this man

Mrs. F.C. McDonald



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**"JEKYLL AND HYDE"
IN REAL LIFE**Amazing Case In
Paris

SCULPTOR MAULED BY GIANT

Paris. The "Jekyll and Hyde" dual personality of a man of gigantic stature is believed to explain a strange drama in a Paris studio which resulted in a sculptor being badly mauled as if by a wild animal.

The sculptor, M. Raphael Schwartz, now lies in a nursing home where his injuries are being treated.

He was busy in his studio when he heard the door open. Thinking it was a friend, he did not even turn round.

When he looked up he saw against the door a huge grinning creature, a giant 6ft. 5in. in height, with arms outstretched and fingers curved as if round an invisible prey.

A terrible light was in its eyes. M. Schwartz took one step. Then the creature was on him.

Fierce Struggle

Over and over they rolled, the giant twisting the sculptor's arms, digging its nails into his neck. Then the giant clasped a bronze bust with which to "finish" its victim. M. Schwartz managed to escape into the courtyard. A little crowd of neighbours collected. They waited.

A quarter of an hour later, the giant came out of the building swinging a stick. The crowd followed at a respectful distance.

"He looks rather odd to-day," said the door-keeper, who knew nothing of the attack. "Who is he?" asked a bystander.

"He is a retired, very polite gentleman, he has lived here a year," said the door-keeper.

Half an hour later, the tall man returned from his walk.

Grant Understands

Two policemen were waiting for him. He went quietly to the nearest police station. "That's the man, I recognise him," said M. Schwartz. Other witnesses who had seen him leave the studio also identified him. "But his expression is different now," they said.

The giant suddenly, despairingly, understood. "Then it is true," he said, "that I have sudden fits of madness. I am a public danger! I might kill children, kill my best friend, kill my family!"

Now M. Schwartz is in a nursing home with a broken rib, torn arm muscles, and shock.—Reuter.

**WITH INTENT TO
DECEIVE****"Beauty Treatment"
For Aged Cow**PURCHASER SUES SELLER
FOR FRAUD

Prague. For giving a cow special "beauty treatment" to disguise its age and deceive a buyer, a man has been sued for fraud at Hainsbovice, Moravia.

Hugo Winter, a peasant, had an aged cow to sell. He found a prospective purchaser for it in Frantisek Olbricht, a peasant from the neighbouring village.

Olbricht wanted to see the cow before handing over the money. He was shown a young-looking animal which gave a good yield of milk.

He did not know then that to allow it to look well the cow had not been milked for several days. Marks of age on the horns had been sandpapered away and the animal had been treated wherever necessary to produce a "youthful" effect.

When the cow's real age became plain Winter was sued.

**EMPEROR OF ASIA HAS
ANNUAL OVERHAUL**

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Asia arrived in the Colony early this morning from Manila, and later proceeded to Rowloon Dock for her annual overhaul. She will sail for Vancouver on January 23.



The latest picture of Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Mr. Wong Sewai, proprietor of the Wing Lee Wai Co., of Hong Kong, arrived back in the Colony this morning by the s.s. President Cleveland, after a visit to the United States.

Mr. Bonney Powell returned this morning by the s.s. President Cleveland from Shanghai. He was formerly in Manila, where he filmed the Inauguration ceremonies for Fox Movietone News, by whom he is employed. Mr. Powell intends to make the final "shots" of his "Magic Carpet" picture of Hong Kong this time. While in Manila he broke his ankle, and this was responsible for the delay. He is well on the way to recovery now, however.

Other passengers for the Colony by the President Cleveland were: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Carpenter, Mrs. S. A. Hallett and Miss M. A. Hallett, Mr. Hart, Mr. Horsfall, Mrs. A. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wild and the Misses M. and Kay Wild.

Among the passengers who arrived here this morning from Manila by the R.M.S. Empress of Asia were Mrs. G. R. Razavet, the wife of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s Passenger Agent at Manila, who is en route to visit her parents in the United States.

Mr. K. Kitamura, a prominent Japanese author, and Mr. M. Nakamura, the "Will Rogers" of Japan, and a famous writer, were also passengers by the President Cleveland.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu at noon on Tuesday next.

One case of enteric fever was reported to the Health authorities in the 48 hours ended on Monday.

The giant 42,000-ton liner Empress of Britain leaves New York at noon to-day and is due to arrive in Hong Kong on her fifth annual round-the-world cruise on Friday, March 20 at 7 a.m. She will leave for Shanghai on Wednesday, March 25 at 6 a.m., having been in port four days, 23 hours.

The s.s. Chitral, carrying the outward English mails, is expected in the Colony on Thursday morning at 6 a.m. from Singapore.

**THE TIGER IN SHING
MUN?**

Grass-Cutter's Story

While on his way home after the day's work, a grass-cutter in Shatin is reported to have seen the tiger at Shing Mun yesterday, though he did not make any official report to the Police.

Enquiries made at the outlying Police Stations this morning elicited the answer that there is a rumour about the tiger being seen in Shing Mun again last night, though we have not had any report made to us officially about it.

A dinner dance will be held at the Repulse Bay Hotel to-morrow. A special extra bus service has been arranged for the convenience of patrons, in addition to the ordinary time table, as follows: Leave Hong Kong Hotel, 8.00 p.m., 8.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. Leaves Repulse Bay, 1.00 a.m., 1.15 a.m. and 1.30 a.m.

An excellent concert has been arranged for the Cheero Club to-morrow, commencing at 9 p.m. The orchestra of the Empress of Japan under Mr. Frank Harwood will play selections, and soloists will be Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Portation, Mr. Bonner and Mr. Salter.

The Christian Mission to Chinese Seamen in Hong Kong is making an appeal for funds in order to rent a suitable meeting place and furnishing it, and those intending to subscribe towards the fund are asked to forward their donations to Rev. H. R. Wells, c/o The National Mutual Life Association of Australasia Ltd., Kai Ming Building, or Mak Mui-sang Esq., No. 95B, High Street, 2nd floor.

An examination (in English) for the St. John Ambulance Association (a part of the Red Cross Organisation of the British Empire) Home Nursing Certificate will be held at St. John Ambulance Headquarters on Friday, January 10, at 5.30 p.m. The examination will be conducted by Dr. Nash, assisted by a trained hospital nurse. Non-Brigade members wishing to take the examination and those wishing to take a re-examination in First Aid and/or Home Nursing are asked to notify the Secretary on or before Thursday, January 9.

**SUPREME COURT BLOW
TO ROOSEVELT**

(Continued from Page 1)

Mr. Edward O'Neal, President of the American Farm Bureau, a powerful farmers' organisation, declared: "The fight is on! This time it will be with the gloves off."

WHAT NOW?

Washington, Later: With the A.A.A. decision, speculation naturally lies in the event of the next move by the administration. Mr. Henry A. Wallace, Secretary for Agriculture, and Mr. Chester Davis are believed to be prepared immediately to introduce legislation in Congress, possibly promising Federal aid to the States which create their own local A.A.A., with the object of obtaining the farm objectives through 48 local organisations.

At any rate the Government must still seek funds to pay the \$500,000,000 due as a benefit payment on the existing Government contracts. The Government's lawyers had previously indicated that these were binding, regardless of the fate of the A.A.A.

Meanwhile cotton will remain under the Bankhead Act, pending the Supreme Court decision thereon, but even before the sweeping A.A.A. decision members of the Government had abandoned hope that the Bankhead Act will be upheld.—Reuter.

**MEDICAL WORK HELD
UP AT NUGELLI****LONDON NAVAL
PARLEY**

(Continued from Page 1)

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS Vice-Admiral Robert submitted the French proposal, that each Power, including Germany, should notify the League six months ahead of the laying down of every naval unit with full details as to the size of the ship's armaments. Thus any actual naval reduction would be along qualitative lines.

The Italian spokesman submitted a proposal similar to that of the French, but requiring the notification at the beginning of each year of the contemplated building programme, thus concentrating on programmes instead of actual construction, like the French plan. Mr. Norman Davis very briefly commented on the three plans.

When Admiral Robert intimated that some Powers might choose to be bound by a six-year period, Mr. Davis said that any period chosen must apply to everybody alike. "The present task of the Conference is to assimilate the three schemes or to choose one of them as a framework in which to seek qualitative limitation."—Reuter.

**Paris Newspaper's
Scepticism**

DOUBTS EXPRESSED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

Commenting on the reopening of the Naval Conference in London on Monday, *Le Figaro* expresses doubt whether the parleys will be brought to a successful conclusion. One must not forget, the paper says, that the Washington Pact, which is now being opposed by Japan, not only delimits the strength of the various fleets but also contains besides its technical section a political part.

This, for instance, provides for the maintenance of the present situation as regards the naval bases and coastal fortifications within Hawaii, Singapore and the Japan triangle. The Washington Pact, the paper adds, was intended to restore the balance of power in the Pacific, but this balance has been disturbed by the Japanese action in China, and the question remains open whether this entire complex will be discussed in London.

Since the situation in the Mediterranean and the North Sea will likewise have to be discussed, it appears to be extremely doubtful whether the London Conference is the suitable place for the solution of these important political problems.—Trans-Ocean Service.

**Various Criticisms
Heard**

PLANS TO BE EXCHANGED

London, To-day.

The Five-Power Conference was resumed at Clarence House, Westminster, yesterday afternoon. At the opening of the meeting the Chairman of the First Committee, Lord Monsell, stated that Mr. Anthony Eden had been appointed as delegate of the United Kingdom, to succeed Sir Samuel Hoare. It was agreed by all the delegations that as the Conference had at its plenary session elected as President the British Foreign Secretary, no further election was required, the presidency devolving *ex officio* on Mr. Eden.

Discussion of the United Kingdom proposal for voluntary and unilateral declarations of naval construction over a period of years was then resumed at the point which had been reached when the Committee adjourned for the Christmas recess. The United Kingdom delegate proceeded to reply to the various criticisms which had been made by the Japanese delegation in regard to the proposal, and to the recess.

FRENCH STATEMENT

A statement was then made by the French delegation, drawing attention to certain provisions of the United Kingdom proposal which would require considerable

**Egyptian Red Cross
Bombing**

PROTEST BY GOVERNMENT

Cairo, earlier: The Egyptian Government, according to the Press here, has decided to protest vigorously against the bombardment of the Red Cross unit at Daggabbur. A report received from the Red Cross delegate in Abyssinia, Prince Ismail Danod, states that altogether seven bombs were dropped on the Red Cross camp, and that Italian aviators flying at a low altitude invariably showered the camp with fire from machine-guns.

About 30 wounded soldiers who were lying in tents, the report adds, were taken to the brushwood surrounding the camp, where the Egyptian and European staff of the camp likewise found refuge.—Trans-Ocean Service.

BOMBINGS CONFIRMED

London: Confirmation has been received in London from the British Minister in Addis Ababa, Sir Sydney Barton, of the reports in circulation over the week-end that another ambulance unit in Abyssinia had been bombed by Italian aircraft. The unit attacked was the Ethiopian Red Cross Ambulance No. 1, situated at Daggabbur, which is staffed by Egyptian and British personnel. The unit was bombed and machine-gunned by Italian aeroplanes on January 4. It appears that there were no casualties among the foreign staff.

During the previous bombardment of Daggabbur the immunity of the Red Cross unit, which was at some distance from the town, was respected. A member of the staff of the British Legation is being sent to the spot to investigate and report on all the circumstances.

A press message from Addis Ababa reports that three more wounded Abyssinians attached to the Swedish Red Cross unit at Dolo, which was recently bombed by Italian aeroplanes, were brought to the capital yesterday in an aeroplane piloted by the Swedish Baron von Rosen. The condition of Dr. Hylander, the wounded Swedish doctor, who was brought to Addis Ababa on Saturday, is improving.—British Wireless Service.

**RUGBY TRIAL FOR
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A trial Rugby match between Colours and Whites will be played on the Club ground to-morrow at 4.45 p.m., following which the Colony side to meet the New Zealand Universities touring side on January 26, will be selected.

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Referee:—Dr. J. A. B. Seiby.

modification to ensure practical application of the scheme. The Italian delegation pointed out certain objections to the adoption of the United Kingdom proposals, and suggested that unilateral declarations of naval construction should be restricted to one year. Three plans dealing with the question of the exchange of information will be circulated by the French, Italian and United Kingdom delegates for examination at the next meeting to-morrow. The idea for the exchange of information regarding naval construction is to broaden the basis of the provisions which are now contained in the Washington and London Treaties.

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THE TONIC

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"You've been a bad boy," said the Warden, shaking his head. "Bad—boy, sir," grinned the sergeant. "Sorry, sir, I'm sure."

"You won't let Brother Puttock read his paper in peace."

"Meaning a bit of a sing-song we all had together sir?"

The Warden tapped the desk.

"Now, now, sergeant! Outside chapel I never heard singing in this house till you came, except when Stephen Reeves returned from celebrating his eighty-fifth birthday, and no good came of that!"

"Sir," protested the sergeant, "we were all sober."

"But they would not have been singing if you had not started them."

The sergeant's fine white moustaches quivered.

"He interrupts my reading, sir."

"I thought it was you who interrupted his, sergeant."

"In chapel I mean, sir, when I'm troubled with the Jessybits."

"Jessybits!" exploded Brother Puttock.

The Warden remembered that the sergeant having, in his turn, to read the Lesson, had found himself ambushed by the Tribes of Canaan. His reading had sounded something of a duet.

"And to the Harumites," the sergeant had announced.

"Amorites," corrected Mr. Puttock, smugly audible.

"And the Per—pez—pezarrites," stumbled on the sergeant.

"Perizzites," corrected Mr. Puttock kindly.

The atmosphere had become electrified as the reading had proceeded.

"It's three times now I've had to read that Lesson, sir," lamented the sergeant, "and by the time I reach the Jessybits it's all I can do to keep from ticking Puttock off, sir."

"Do you call this living together in concord?" asked the Warden sternly.

The sergeant's expressive moustaches drooped.

"It is not, sir."

"Yet those are your orders, the conditions under which you must live as Pilgrims," said the Warden; "don't let me hear any more of these deplorable squabbles."

The sergeant saluted, about-turned, and departed.

It needed more than the Warden's tact to keep those two in order. They were powder and spark, petrol and flame, they never met without a flare-up.

The sergeant reports that Brother Puttock has annexed part of his garden. Brother Puttock proves by trigonometry that he is well within his bounds, that the land was lying idle and that the sergeant is thrifless and incapable and unworthy to possess any garden.

Brother Puttock complains that the sergeant called him a gutless conchy and ought to apologise publicly. The sergeant retorts that anyone who won't stand up when "God save the King" is broadcast by wireless is a gutless conchy anyhow.

The sergeant complains that every time Brother Puttock is dinner-table orderly he is given the knife with the broken handle. Brother Puttock responds that the sergeant's table manners are far from correct, and that the knife is as good as he can expect.

But all these were passing plesancies compared with the battle of the sundial.

The sundial stood opposite the door into the garden, and was raised on a broad circular base. There was ample room to pass from the garden to the house without mounting the base at all. There was no reason why Brother Puttock and the sergeant, moving in opposite directions, should have met there, nor why, so meeting, each should not have gone his separate way in peace. But Brother Puttock that morning had seen the sergeant entertaining a bevy of tourists before the Lancers Memorial in the Cathedral with vivid reminiscences which had returned an enviable dividend, or so Brother Puttock thought.

"You've brought this on your- selves," said she and shook a cloud of pepper before the noses of them both. When they could no longer maintain their grip for sneezing Brother Puttock and the sergeant were led off in opposite directions to meet later at the tea table.

The reporting of this affair to the Warden brought it before the committee, right reverend, very reverend and gattered.

There was not much to be said for either of the delinquents. On the other hand, apart from their mutual antipathy, there was little to be said against them. Yet, obviously, these two could never dwell together in concord.

Now this is strictly unofficial and has never received a word of confirmation, but it has been rumoured that a penny coming down "heads" on an episcopal palm sent the sergeant packing.

The committee did what they could for the poor old sinner. They loved him a room with the satakeeper, and guaranteed money.

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MOTORIST'S HUNGER-STRIKE

A former Tees-side dirt track rider, now a hawage contractor, Mr. W. Blincoe, was on hunger-strike in the cells at Middlesbrough police-station last night as a protest against the Road Traffic Act. He refused to pay fines for exceeding the speed limit.

ESCAPED MAN'S RECAPTURE

Having escaped from Oxford Police station last month, Pte. C. Evans, a Berkshire man in the King's Own Royal Regiment stationed at Blackmore Camp, Aldershot, was recaptured later near Dorchester.



A scene from "Blossom Time," the B.I.P. production, featuring Jane Baxter and Richard Tauber, which is now being shown at the Queen's Theatre.

GET ON — OR GET OUT

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searched out from the air and destroyed by air bombs more surely than by any other means.

In Cyprus, however, in the eastern basin of the Mediterranean, we could base an air fleet strong enough to guard the coast-line from Alexandria to Haifa; strong enough to prevent the entry of a single ship to Port Said and the Suez Canal; strong enough to cut off Italy's communications with her colonial possessions in East Africa if she declared war on us.

An Advantage

Cyprus has the advantage of a natural haven for aircraft. It has a big central plain. It is within easy reach of fuel supplies from the pipeline that runs down to the Mediterranean shores of Palestine. The configuration of the island makes it possible to house bombing planes in underground hangars.

There we shall have to set to work if we intend to stay in the Mediterranean. But it is no use sending the bombing planes we possess to-day to Cyprus. Their range is insufficient, carrying capacity too low, and speed too slow. We require 700 highspeed bombing planes with a radius of action of 1,000 miles, carrying three tons of bombs, and with a top speed of 250 to 300 miles an hour.

Such planes can be built. It is time they were being built in Britain.

Swift Action Needed

If we take time by the forelock and develop our plans without delay, we may yet be able to maintain our position in the Mediterranean; but we must act swiftly. If Cyprus were to fall into other hands, security of British hold on the Mediterranean would cease.

Our ancient channel of communication with our eastern possessions might be cut. To establish another footing would involve us in a direct major war with the people who dominate the Mediterranean to-day with air fleets.

Because we were unready, the South-African War dragged on for three years; the Great War cost us over a million lives and countless treasure. We won each time because we had the opportunity to hold out while preparing. Air war was not then a major factor. To-day it is. The essence of the air is speed.

If there is another war and we are not ready we may not get time for preparation. And if there is another major war it will be because we are not strong enough to keep the peace we want. Never in history did times exist when caution and precaution were more needed to shape the policy of Britain.

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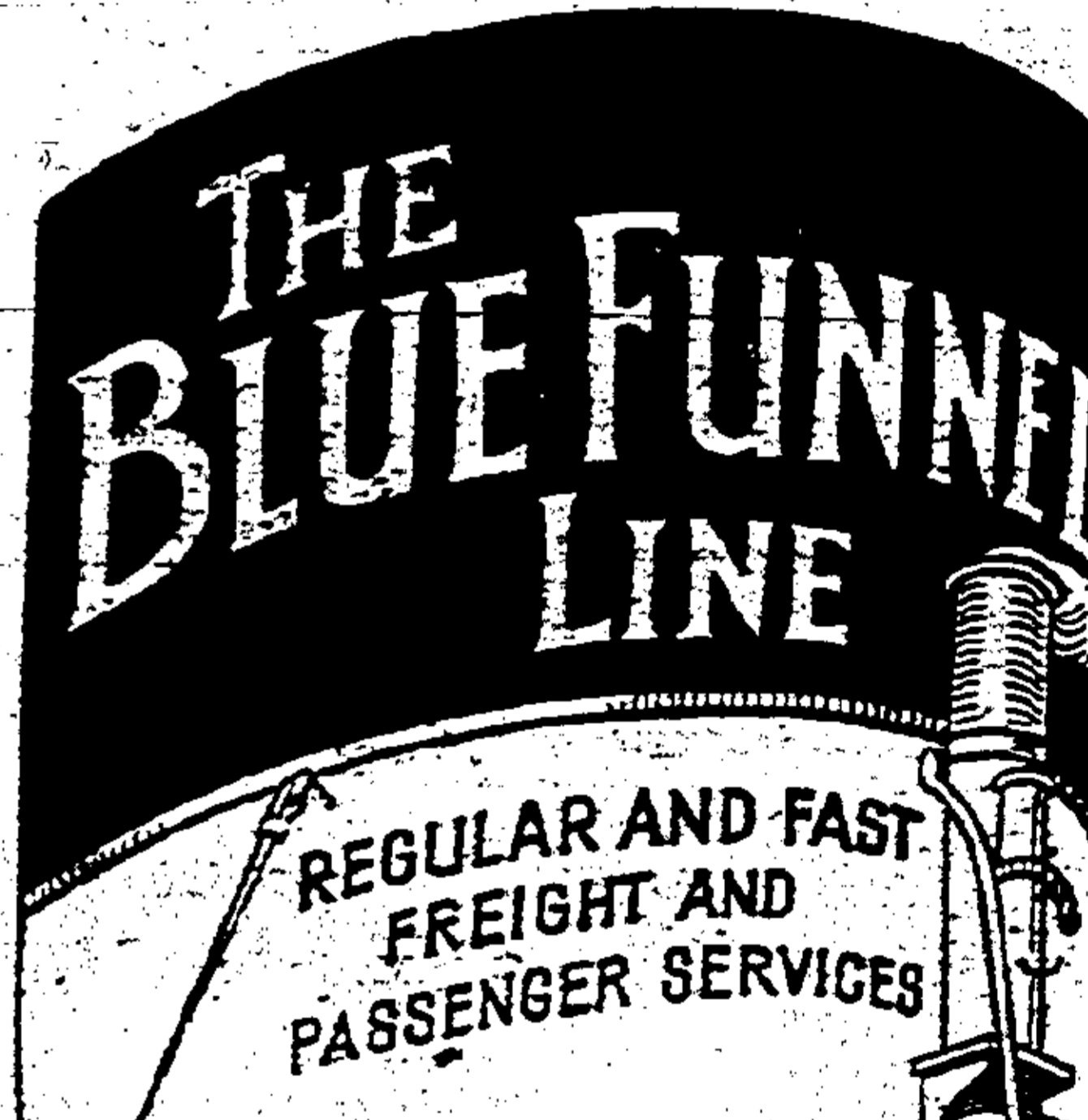
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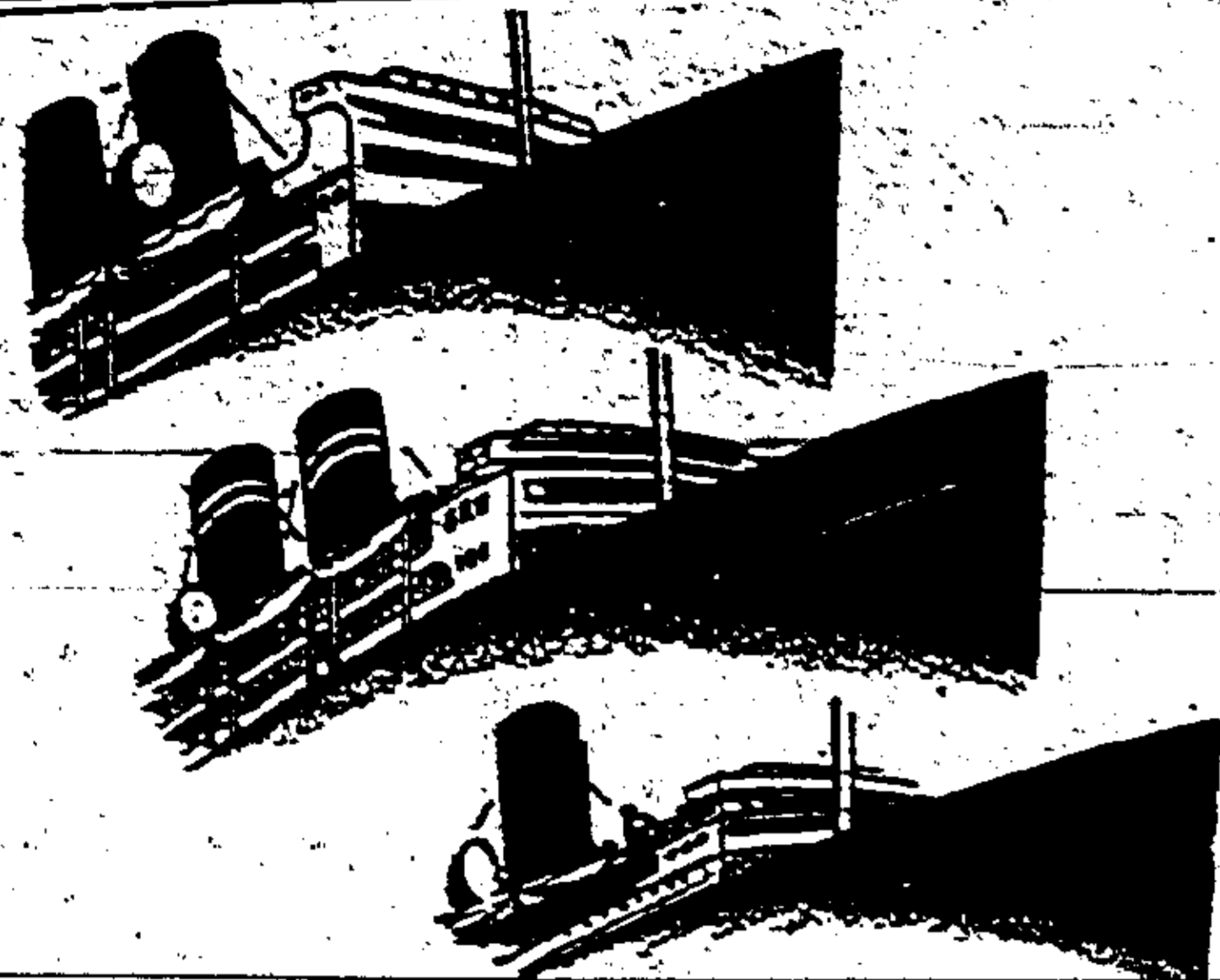
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URBAN COUNCIL

Agenda For To-day's Meeting

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

The following are the orders for the day for this afternoon's meeting of the Urban Council:—

1. Minute by the Chairman relative to the Standing Orders and Rules of Debate.

2. Minute by the Chairman relative to the proposed constitution of the new Select Committees.

3. The Chairman, pursuant to notice, will move:—
"That in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, the Urban Council makes the following amendment of the by-laws under the heading 'Markets' and sub-heading 'Market Stalls' set forth in Schedule to the above-mentioned Ordinance':—

Amendment
The following additional by-law is inserted immediately after by-law 40:—

"40A. No flesh of any animal slaughtered in the Government slaughter-house at Sai Wan Ho shall be exposed for sale in any market in the Colony other than the markets at Quarry Bay, Sai Wan Ho and Shaukiwan and no flesh of any animal slaughtered in the Government Slaughter-house at Aberdeen shall be exposed for sale in any market in the Colony other than the market at Aberdeen."

Scavenging
4. The Chairman, pursuant to notice, will move:—

"That in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 (iv) of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935 the Urban Council makes the following amendment to the by-laws under the heading 'Scavenging' contained in Schedule A to the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935:—

Amendment
By-law No. 5 is rescinded and the following by-law is substituted therefore:—

"5. (i) The occupier of any domestic building, or the occupier or principal tenant, as the case may be, of any flat or floor of a domestic building when such flat or floor is let as a separate tenancy, and the occupier of any other premises situated within any of the districts specified in by-law No. 3 shall provide and keep in such domestic building, flat, floor or other premises (all of which are in this by-law included in the word 'Premises') a sufficient number of strong substantial movable dust-bins or dust-cans, constructed of impervious material and fitted with closely fitting covers and of a pattern approved by the Council, and shall deposit therein from day to day all refuse which has accumulated in such premises pending removal in accordance with paragraph (ii) of this by-law.

(ii) He shall at such a time or times as a refuse lorry stops for the collection of refuse at or near his premises daily carry or cause to be carried from his premises all the refuse and other objectionable matter and deposit it or cause it to be deposited in the refuse lorries provided by the Council.

(iii) In lieu of the procedure provided by paragraph (ii) of this by-law, the Council may require such occupier to empty such dust-bins or dust-cans at least once daily, at such time or times as the Council may appoint, into dust-bins or dust-boats provided by the Council.

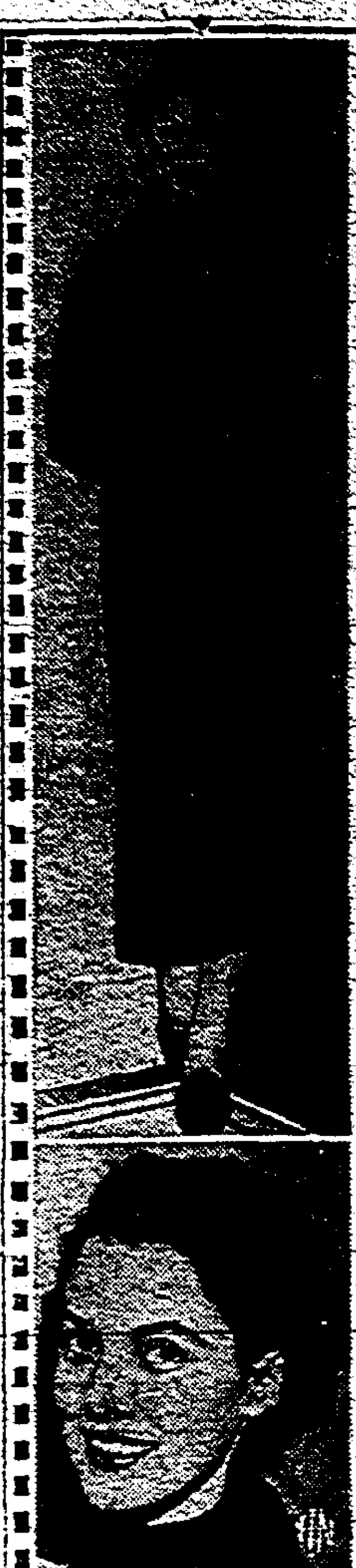
(iv) He shall also give access to any Sanitary Inspector or other officer or person authorised by the Council for the purpose of scavenging and removing refuse from any part of his premises, or for the purpose of seeing that the provisions of these by-laws are duly complied with, and if the open space appertaining to such premises be enclosed, the door or gate shall be opened for such purpose whenever required.

(v) No person shall place any dust-can or dust-bin in any public place or remove the contents thereof except in accordance with paragraphs (ii) or (iii) of this by-law.

(vi) No person shall throw or deposit, or permit his servants or members of his household under his control to throw or deposit, any dust, rubbish, litter, refuse or other waste materials of any description, or offensive matter of any kind, into or upon any street, sewer or drain, or upon any vacant or unoccupied land."

Hawkers
5. The Chairman, pursuant to notice, will move:—

"That in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2 and 4, the Urban Council makes the following amendment of the by-laws under the heading 'A General and Licensing' set forth in the Schedule to the Ordinance No. 22 of 1935. (Hawkers):—



It happens in real life, and real life too. A Hollywood talent Scout spotted Lillian Spauldier (above), aged 21, running an elevator in a New York department store and signed her. Mean while, Virginia Walker (below), aged 23, a Boston socialite, was picked by another company's scout who saw her face among 3,000 photographs in a contest.

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5. The Chairman, pursuant to notice, will move:—

"That in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2 and 4, the Urban Council makes the following amendment of the by-laws under the heading 'A General and Licensing' set forth in the Schedule to the Ordinance No. 22 of 1935. (Hawkers):—

Amendment
The following additional By-law is inserted immediately after By-law No. 21:—

22. All Hawkers Licences, except Licences to hawk tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, issued under the Miscellaneous Licences Ordinance, 1933, shall be deemed to have been issued under these by-laws and shall continue in force until revoked or until they expire."

In addition the regular returns will be considered.

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The sergeant set an arm under the frail shoulder of his ancient foe and together they started back towards the house, their tree arms brandishing fists before each other's faces.

"Consky-livered book-maggot!" thundered the sergeant.

"Fustian-mongering packy-dern!" answered Brother Puttock with his cheeks glowing.

The blood ran thrilling in their veins. Their lungs expanded. Both were alive again. They had not felt so well for months.

Behind them, marvelling at the vigour of her patient, Matron pushed the empty chair. So intent was she on this miracle that she had not heard the Warden's step until he was beside her.

"What?" he questioned, as he noted the two figures now halting beside the sun dial. "Puttock and March loving like brothers?"

"I wouldn't say that," said Matron cautiously. "But it's plain they enjoy their differences. Brother Puttock was like a half-dead man until he met the sergeant ten minutes ago!"

"Well, well," said the Warden. "We'd better keep Brother Puttock's face on the shelf. The March vacancy will give the sergeant another chance."

And by the sun dial two old men grinned sheepishly at each other.

THE TONIC

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enough for his small needs, but the glory had departed from his life.

The old man was bereft of his uniform, disgraced. He missed the importance of cloak and staff and polished silver trappings. He could no longer carry his head high.

Lingering beside the memorial Lancers who stood with arms reversed, regarding the names of men he had ridden with, visitors barely noticed him. The old gallant manner had gone. His voice lost its ring, his eye its lustre. His moustache grew dragged and sad. The morning mist began to trouble him, he gasped and wheezed. He walked with bent shoulders and never, never sang the story of the tall stalwart Lancer who lay dying — and that was rather ironical since the application was fast becoming more apt.

Within three months the gateward saw that the old fellow was breaking up. Well, of course, he would do what he could for the poor old soul, but old people are wearing, specially if they do not rightly belong to you.

Then one sunny afternoon the gateward's wife, just to get him out of the way, sent the sergeant to the Pilgrim's House with a message for the matron. Would she kindly let them know the date for sending in application forms for candidates who wished to apply for the place left vacant by the death of Brother Mariah?

It was not the most tactful thing to ask of the old man, but the gateward's wife never thought of that. She had an uncle for whom she greatly desired the vacancy.

The sergeant made his reluctant way to the paradise he had lost. Outside the front door he met Brother Cass, who greeted him warmly.

"Sight for sore eyes, you are, sergeant. You come to ask for Brother Mariah's room? My word, I wish they'd give it you, we've been that dull without you. But I doubt they'll take you in while old Puttock's alive. Still, he won't be long now, you mark my words. Regular breaking up, he is."

"No, I come up with a message for Matron," returned the sergeant. "What's the matter with old Puttock?" he demanded with a hint of his old fierceness.

"It's his tubes," said Brother Cass, shaking his head, "and his legs are going. Matron's with him now, getting his chair ready. She wheels him out on bright mornings, but it won't be for long."

"Don't you believe it," said the sergeant. "Leadswinging. That's Puttock's game. I'll just take a turn round the garden till Matron comes out."

The sergeant's breast housed a tangle of emotions as he turned away. Wait for Brother Puttock's place? Not he! Was the fellow really getting ready for "Last Post"? Crimes! What scraps they'd had. Lead-swinging, of course, but his heart contracted as he saw Matron wheeling his old enemy towards him. The sick man was thin, warren-faced and apathetic, but his bushy white eyebrows and beard seemed to stiffen as he caught sight of the sergeant.

"You're no right here," he piped in a high-pitched, querulous voice, leaning forward eagerly in his chair. "You've been expelled. You're no right here."

"Well, what are you going to do about it?" queried the sergeant.

Puttock twisted his skinny old neck to address the matron. "You send him about his business, Matron. He's an intruder."

"You keep your names for yourself," fumed back the sergeant. "I'm going to stay where I am."

Brother Puttock sat up sharply. "We'll soon see whether you will or not," he cried, a flush gathering in his pale cheeks. "We'll soon see!"

"Yes, you will," returned the sergeant, triumphantly. "Cos my business is to give her a message."

Brother Puttock scrambled from his chair, bristling with rage.

"You prove your words," he piped, shaking his fist. "You prove your words, Sergeant March. You can't talk to me as you would to cannon fodder. I'm an educated man."

"Stronger in the head than the legs," flared the sergeant. "Here, hold up! You'll be breaking your bones next."

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Caughy, in particular, was dangerous, and his long, deceptive stride carried him through the centre time and again, with Oliver invariably on hand to make the most of an opening.

All Blacks Pack Rattled
After the interval, the Irish forwards, set the pace, and tremendously good they were.

A steady drizzle had made the ball wet, and they tore into New Zealand tooth and nail, pounding away with their feet, and threatening at any moment to shake, and scatter, the defence. Siggins led them superbly, and wherever we could see Deering's bald head, in loose rush or line-out or mail, there would the ball be also.

Unfortunately for Ireland this forward bombardment came too late, and apart from Morgan, a great scrum-half, there were no runners behind the scrummage capable of breaking the New Zealand line. A string challenge by a fine pack, but that was all, and when Siggins went off with a broken collar-bone 12 minutes before the end, the Irish domination dwindled sadly away.

The truth is that New Zealand are now too soundly balanced a team to be beaten by helters-skelter tactics. They must be held in the tight as well as the loose, and attacked by three-quarters at least as fast and resolute as their own.

Slippery Ball
It was a queer sort of day, for after a brilliantly fine morning a drizzle set in just before the game began, a drizzle which turned to rain and made the ball uncommonly slippery.

The ball was firm enough though, and Gilbert kicked off for New Zealand into a fairly stiff breeze. Morris cleared to touch, Beamish smashed away from the line-out and punted ahead, and Gilbert took a long-range drop at goal.

The Irish forwards were following through fiercely in the loose, but New Zealand dominated the tight scrummages, and after three minutes McLean picked up the ball in the loose, from a short pass to Griffiths, and there was Caughy striding through a gap and going all out for the line.

A fine break, but Morris tackled him, the ball fell clear, Oliver took it on with his feet, and Mitchell snapped it up and plunged over to score in the corner.

Caughy Away Again
A flying start for New Zealand, and before long Caughy was away again, finding a gap which may have been caused by Ireland's unfamiliarity with the five-eighths system of attack.

O'Connor tackled Caughy, Oliver dribbled on, Siggins fell on the ball and saved, but the New Zealand pressure was relentless.

A scrummage near the line, New Zealand heeled a pass from Sadler appeared to bounce forward off Griffiths' chest, and Morris tried to clear, and a sliced kick sent the ball straight into the hands of Oliver, who merely had to dart a few yards and score under the posts.

A goal by Gilbert, and Ireland were eight points down almost before they realised that the game had started. We shook our heads and prepared for the worst, but the Irish forwards were by no means subdued. They carried play into the New Zealand twenty-five. Morgan began a series of bursts from the scrummage which threatened real danger, and Bailey hit the crossbar with a penalty-kick from 40 yards' range.

New Zealand Defending
Caughy and Oliver eased the pressure with a dash along the right touch-line and Gilbert tried a shot at goal, but the ball was held up by the wind. Then Ireland heeled, rather slowly, three times in succession. Hewitt kicked accurately, and once more New Zealand were defending.

Another penalty-kick by Bailey, and this time he found the length, and the ball sailed high between the posts. Immediately New Zealand struck back, wheeling the scrummage, dribbling, heeling, and again Caughy flashed through the gap. Oliver went right-handed across the defence, and Hart raced round O'Connor and scored in the corner.

A good try, but two diagonal punts by Hewitt made ground for Ireland. Morgan slipped away on his own. Siggins nearly battered through, and then Beamish picked the ball up, put his head down and charged like a bull over the line to score near the posts. Bailey missed the kick, and for the remaining seven minutes of the first half New Zealand heeled regularly, and attacked with ominously steady persistence.

Grand Irish Rush
By this time it was raining and blowing hard, and the Irish forwards apparently decided to make proper use of the conditions, for they went off with a tremendous rush, sweeping the ball from half-way, man after man taking it on irresistibly, spectators leaping to their feet, cheering wildly, until at last Siggins was over, hurling himself full length to touch down.

A try surely, and a good one, but the referee ruled otherwise. Scrum five yards, Sadler cleared to touch, and the Irish storm abated. New Zealand heeled consistently, Griffiths worked the touch-line, Caughy pounced upon O'Connor as he broke clear, and then came a penalty to Ireland, and Siggins kicked a goal.

This was Ireland's chance, for they were only two points behind, and they went at it with a will. Hewitt punted ahead, Morgan tried to dummy through the forwards swarmed on the ball, harrying New Zealand mercilessly. Ireland did everything but score against the alert defence, and then Gilbert found touch once, twice, three times with long spinning kicks, and New Zealand had escaped.

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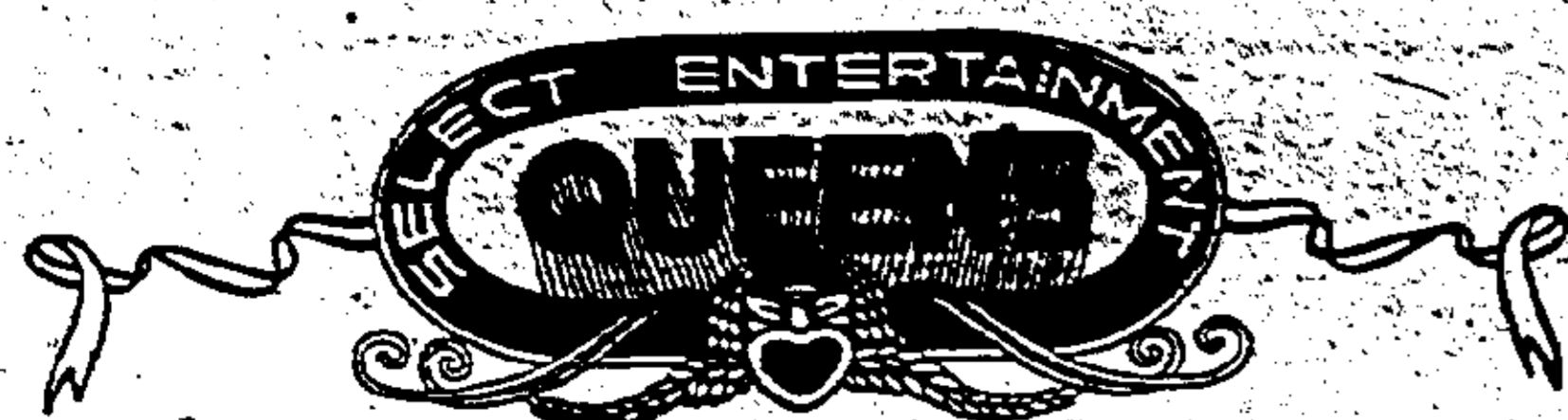
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Caughy and Oliver eased the pressure with a dash



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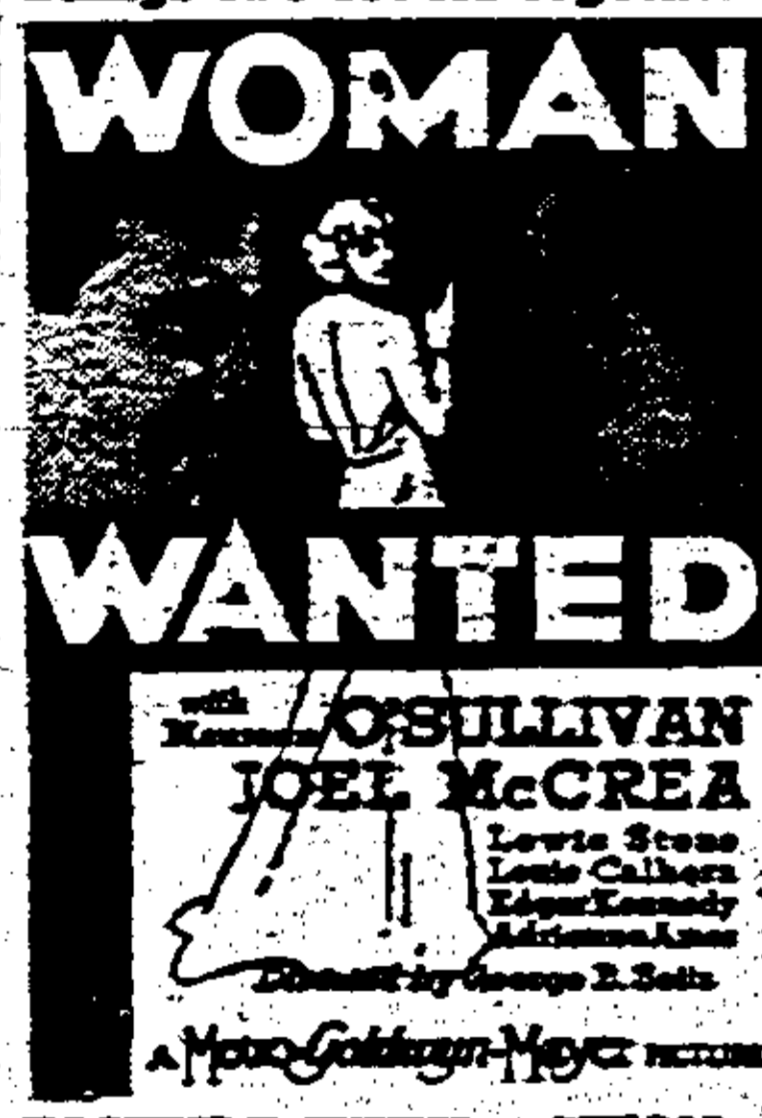
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GENERAL LI'S UNCERTAINTY

APPROPRIATION DEMANDED

ONUS PLACED ON NANKING

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.—Though appointed commander-in-chief of the anti-Communist forces in Kwangsi, Kweichow and Hunan, General Li Chung-jen is enquiring from Nanking the amount of funds it will appropriate for the military campaign and whether all Nanking troops in Hunan and Kweichow will be placed under his command.

Unless Nanking gives a satisfactory reply to these queries, General Li is unlikely to take up the concurrent post. Already several battalions of his troops have reached Southern Hunan and Southern Kweichow to check the Communists.

Missionary circles in Changsha, provincial capital of Hunan, are anxious to locate the whereabouts of Mr. B. Bosshardt, a Swiss missionary of the China Inland Mission, who was captured together with Mr. A. Hayman by the Reds some six months ago.

The two missionaries are regarded as "spies of the imperialists," although Mr. Hayman was released some time ago. Why Mr. Bosshardt is still being held is not known.

ITALY'S WORKERS IN AFRICA

CONDITIONS BEING IMPROVED

EIGHT-HOUR DAY WITH OVERTIME

(London.)

Out of a total of 35,000 Italian workers in East Africa, 211 deaths were registered from March 1 to November 10. These figures are given in a statement issued here by the Italian Embassy.

It is also stated that the workers are entitled to military rations and have a working day of eight hours.

The number of deaths represented 70 per cent., and it must be pointed out, states the Embassy, that the mortality coefficient is in constant decrease from March 1 owing to the sanitary measures adopted.

Decrease Registered

For the same period the amount of sickness has been calculated at 21½ per cent., a percentage below that of Italy itself, which stands at 3 per cent.

"It must be added that, as the work in the lowlands has now been completed, and the workers have, therefore, been transferred to healthier areas, this percentage is following a constant downward curve.

"Furthermore, it has been made compulsory for all enterprises employing over 1,000 workers, to employ one doctor and one male nurse (both Italians) and five assistant native male nurses. Each team of workers must be supplied with a medicine chest similar to that used by Army battalions."

Workers' Rations

A decree, dated February 25, 1935, provided that each worker shall be entitled to military rations. Workers, therefore, enjoyed the same treatment as the troops. Food underwent double control—administrative and sanitary—by means of inspections (minimum, once a week).

A Royal Decree, dated February 27, 1935, laid down the working day at ten hours of work with a two hours' interval. "This makes a working day of eight hours as it is practised in Italy," it is added. "Overtime is voluntary and is paid according to scale."—Reuter.

HORSE RESCUED FROM SEA

Six men fought for over half an hour last month against a rapidly rising tide on the Hoyle Bank, Cheshire, to rescue their horse, which was trapped shoulder deep in water in the shaft of a heavily laden cart.



Gilberto Valenzuela Adolfo de la Huerta

Mexico's turbulent political situation was reflected in the roasting welcome given Adolfo de la Huerta, right, former President, and Gilberto Valenzuela, left, who were given an enthusiastic reception in Mexico City when they returned from political exile in the United States after one of the frequent political eruptions.

EAST CHAHAR AFFAIRS

Mongolian Garrisons In Service

MR. PAO REPORTS ON HIS TOUR

(Peiping, To-day.)

With the exception of Changpei, which is still being garrisoned by the Chahar military, all the other five Eastern Chahar districts, Tushinkou, Kangpo, Paohang, Kuyuan and Huatoh, are now being garrisoned by Mongolian forces, according to Mr. Pao Yueh-ching, who returned here from Pailingmiao yesterday morning. Mr. Pao called on General Sung Cheh-yuan yesterday afternoon to submit a report on the result of his Pailingmiao trip.

Mr. Pao categorically denied the report that a conference of representatives from the different banners and leagues in Inner Mongolia has been called at Changpei under Japanese auspices. The report was branded as absolutely without foundation.

PRINCE TEH'S OPINION

According to Mr. Pao, the strength of the Mongolian unit is 300, mostly cavalry. General Tso Shih-hai, Commander of the Mongolian unit, is now at Paohang, where he had established his headquarters.

The Manchukuo troops, under Li Shou-shin, are still at Changpei, Mr. Pao added.

Asked what was Prince Teh's opinion regarding the Chahar situation, Mr. Pao said that the Prince was anxious to wait for an amicable settlement by the Peiping authorities. But should the latter be unable to do so, the Prince would probably call a conference at Pailingmiao shortly of the parties concerned, and settle the issue as a local affair.

Prince Teh is now at Pailingmiao, while Prince Yun is at Pailingmiao, Mr. Pao added.

FOREIGN PARTIES INTERESTED

According to information from diplomatic circles, most foreign Embassies and Legations in China have received instructions from their respective Governments to pay close attention to the reported opening of Sino-Japanese negotiations for the readjustment of the relations between the two countries. Sir Alexander Cadogan will leave here for Nanking on January 9 to call on the Chinese authorities to make enquiries into the matter. Central News Agency.

NEW CRUISER FOR GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.—The new 10,000-ton armoured ship Admiral Graf von Spee was placed in commission at the naval port of Wilhelmshaven on Monday forenoon. Trans-Ocean Service.

REBEL REGIME IN NORTH

Tientsin Said Next Objective

JAPANESE IN FAVOUR OF EXTENSION

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Tientsin is the objective of Mr. Yin Ju-keng, chairman of the Tungchow rebel regime, who is seeking the support of Japanese troops in Manchuria to expand his bogus government, according to vernacular dispatches received here last night from Peiping.

The same dispatches stated that General Jiro Minami, Commander-in-Chief of Japanese troops in Manchuria, is in favour of extending the Tungchow regime to Tientsin and later to Peiping. The Japanese troops are said to need Peiping and Tientsin as bases for "the eventual war with the Soviet Union."

In addition, five counties in Chahar are now occupied by the troops of General Li Shou-shin, the commanding officer in Inner Mongolia, who is in the pay of Japan. Eventually these counties will become part of Manchukuo.

Continued concessions to Japan on the part of Nanking have aroused student uprisings all over the country. At a meeting of professors at Sun Yat-sen University yesterday, Professor Hsueh Weng of the English Department asked why China was still unprepared to resist Japan after preparations of four years.

GENERAL SUNG FOR HOPEI

Elaborate Welcome Planned

Peiping, To-day.—Elaborate preparations have been made by the Hopei Provincial Government and public organs here to welcome General Sung Cheh-yuan, who is expected to come to Peiping to-day or tomorrow to assume the concurrent post of Chairman of Hopei.

Almost all the affairs of the Provincial Government have been taken over by the new administration. It is understood. Central News Agency.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone has extended eastward and southward, depressing slightly in intensity. Pressure is now highest to the north of the Lower Yangtze Valley. North-east winds fresh, fair, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

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